

Closed Caption Log, Council Meeting, 08/04/05

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Mayor Wynn: PLEASE STAND.

GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD, YOU BLESS US WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF LIVING AND SERVING THIS MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY IN TEXAS. YOU GIVE US RESPONSIBILITY, YOU GIVE US RESOURCES AND YOU GIVE US LISTENING HEARTS. AND AS LEADER OF THIS COMMUNITY, WE ARE EVER MINDFUL OF THE COMMON GOOD. AND AT THE SAME TIME WE REALIZE THAT YOU HAVE CALLED US TO WEIRD THINGS. THE THINGS THAT GO AGAINST OUR HUMAN NATURE. WHEN WE MOST WANT TO PLAY IT SAFE, YOU CALL US TO TAKE RISKS, TO GO OUT ON A LIMB, BECAUSE APPARENTLY THAT IS WHERE YOU ARE. YOU CALL US TO SPEAK FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE, TO BE FAMILY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO HOME, TO DO JUSTICE AND LOVE KINDNESS. YOU CALL US TO DO NEIGHBORLY THINGS LIKE PICK UP DOG POOP AND BALANCE BUDGETS AND PUT OUR FIRES AND, LORD, NONE OF THAT COMES NATURALLY TO US. WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE WITH US, THAT YOU GIVE US WISDOM AND COMPASSION, WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD HELP US TODAY TO ACT LIKE WE WALK WITH YOU. BLESS OUR WORDS, OUR ACTIONS AND THOUGHTS, BLESS OUR DECISIONS, BLESS THOSE WHO KEEP US SAFE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO KEEP VIGIL IN THE NIGHT AND BLESS THIS SWEET COMMUNITY THAT WE MAY REFLECT YOUR GRACE, IN THE NAME OF CHRIST WE PRAY.

THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, AT THIS TIME I WILL CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY

COUNCIL. IT IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 4th 4th, 2005. APPROXIMATELY 8 MINUTES AFTER 10:00 IN THE MORNING, WE ARE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 301 WEST SECOND STREET IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO THIS WEEK'S POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 30 WE SHOULD CORRECT THE DATE TO BE AUGUST 7th, 2005, NOT 2004. ON ZONING CASE Z-9, WE SHOULD CORRECT THE CASE NUMBER TO READ C 1405, NOT 04, 0048. OUR TIME CERTAIN ITEMS FOR TODAY, THAT IS THESE ITEMS WON'T BE TAKEN UP PRIOR TO THE LISTED TIME, AT 10:30, WE WILL HAVE A BRIEF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING T.I.F. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THIS SHOWS US AT ITEM T.I.F. 1. AT NOON WE BREAK FOR OUR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS. AT 2:00 WE WILL HAVE A BOND SALE THAT SHOW AS ITEMS NUMBER 39, WE WILL ALSO HAVE A BRIEFING THAT SHOW AS ITEM NO. 40, WHICH IS THE PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR '05-'06 BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT, OUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND OUR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THAT'S THE PUBLIC BRIEFING AT 2:00 P.M., WE WILL THEN HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS LATER IN THE EVENING. AT 3:00 OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, WE HAVE TWO AGENDA ITEMS ON THAT AGENDA. AT 4:00 ZONING HEARINGS AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS. THOSE SHOW TODAY AS ITEM NO. 41 AND ZONING CASES Z-1 THROUGH Z-9. WE WILL ANNOUNCE NOW THAT THE STAFF WILL BE REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING POSTPONEMENTS, ZONING CASE Z-1 AND Z-2, RELATED TO 9117 NORTH GATE BOULEVARD, STAFF WILL BE REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT TO AUGUST 25th, 2005. ON ZONING CASE Z-7, WHICH IS THE PARMER MEADOWS, ANOTHER REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT TO AUGUST 18th. AND ZONING CASE Z-9, WHICH IS 15996 NORTH IH 35, REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT AGAIN TO AUGUST 25th. THOSE ARE STAFF REQUESTED POSTPONEMENTS. TECHNICALLY, WE CAN'T TAKE UP THAT POSTPONEMENT NOTE UNTIL AFTER 4:00 P.M. BUT WE LIKE TO LET FOLKS KNOW IN ADVANCE THAT THAT'S LIKELY GOING TO HAPPEN.

AT 5:30 5:30 WE BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS, ROBERT ORTIZ IS OUR MUSICIAN TODAY. FRIENDS OF MANY OF US, 6:00 PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS, SHOW AS ITEMS 42 THROUGH 46 AND ZONING CASE Z-8 IS POSTED TECHNICALLY NOT TO BEGIN BEFORE 6:00 P.M. AND I WILL ANNOUNCE NOW THAT STAFF WILL BE REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT OF ITEM 45, ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, TO OCTOBER 20th, 2005. WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF ITEMS PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA, ITEM NO. 6, RELATED TO -- TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ. ITEM NO. 8, RELATED TO THE TECHNICAL POSTING AND SETTING OF A POTENTIAL AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR NEXT YEAR, PULLED BY THE MAYOR. ITEM NO. 9, RELATED TO BUDGETS WITHIN THE NEW PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, PULLED BY MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS, ITEM NO. 13 RELATED TO AMONG OTHER THINGS OUR ACTION PLAN REGARDING THE H.U.D. GRANT FUNDS, HAS BEEN PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIM AND ALVAREZ. ITEM 17, RELATED TO AN AMENDMENT WITH WALLGREEN'S PHARMACY, PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ. ITEM 18, WHICH IS A 12-MONTH SERVICE AGREEMENT, PULLED BECAUSE TECHNICALLY IT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN UP AS PART OF OUR T.I.F. BOARD MEETING, T.I.F. ITEM NO. 1, ON 18, IT WILL NOT BE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, ITEM NO. 26, RELATED TO THE EXISTING AND NEW COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES HAS BEEN PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ. COUNCIL, FURTHER ITEMS TO BE PULLED OR PLACED BACK ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? IF NOT I'LL READ THE CONSENT AGENDA THEN NUMERICALLY. IT WILL BE ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 25 BEING OUR BOARD AND ECONOMICS APPOINTMENTS THAT I WILL READ INTO THE RECORD. ELECTRIC BOARD RANDY WALDEN, COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL REAPPOINTMENT. TO THE ELECTRIC UTILITY BOARD, FRANK FERNANDEZ IS COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ'S REAPPOINTMENT. AND ROBERT SESSA A CONSENSUS APPOINTMENT. TO OUR PLANNING COMMISSION, DAVID SULLIVAN IS COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL'S REAPPOINTMENT. TO OUR SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION, TRACY SOSA IS MY REAPPOINTMENT. TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, CHIP ROSENTHAL IS A

CONSENSUS REAPPOINTMENT. TO THE WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION, LAURA RAHN IS MY REAPPOINTMENT. SHERYL SCOTT RYAN IS A CONSENSUS REAPPOINTMENT. AND MICHAEL WARNER IS COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL REAPPOINTMENT. ITEM NO. 25 ON OUR CONSENT AGENDA. CONTINUING ON ... THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL ALSO INCLUDE ITEM 27, 28, 29, 30 PER CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS, AND 31. AND OUR ADDENDUM ITEM 47. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

ON ITEM 26, MAYOR, I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE A -- A RESOLUTION READY TO GO. THAT'S THE ONE THAT -- ELIMINATING CERTAIN COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES AND CREATING NEW SUBCOMMITTEES. MAYBE EXPLAINING SOME OF THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SO I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST WE POSTPONE THAT FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS BECAUSE I THINK WE ALL KNOW WHAT SHOULD BE IN THERE. I THINK IT'S JUST THE ORDINANCE ISN'T QUITE READY. IF THAT'S OKAY WITH THE CO-SPONSORS.

Mayor Wynn: YES, SO COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL WOULD YOU CONSIDER IT A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO ACTUALLY POSTPONE ITEM NO. 26th TO AUGUST 18th AT 2005? THANK YOU. SO MS. BROWN DO YOU HAVE THAT? THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY?

Dunkerly: I WOULD LIKE FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ABOUT THE REAPPOINTMENT TO THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD. WE HAVE HAD ONE -- ONE RESIGNATION AND SO IF WE ARE GOING TO JUST LEAVE THINGS LIKE THEY ARE RIGHT NOW, PERHAPS WE COULD CALL A SPECIAL SESSION OF -- OF THE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE TO GO THROUGH THAT EVALUATION PROCESS AGAIN LIKE WE DID IN THE SPRING. SO -- SO IF EVERYBODY IS OKAY WITH THAT, I GUESS IT'S STILL IN EXISTENCE, WE COULD JUST CALL THE SPECIAL SESSION FOR THAT CONSIDERATION.

COUNCILMEMBER, WHAT'S THE SORT OF TIME

CONSTRAINTS, WHEN WILL THAT --

THERE ARE SOME TIME CONSTRAINTS. I THINK THE PRESENT PERSON CAN SERVE, LOOKING OUT IN THE AUDIENCE, I THINK THROUGH THE END OF -- OF AUGUST. I'M NOT SURE. MAYBE IT'S THE END OF JULY, ATTRITION [INDISCERNIBLE] BUT WE DO HAVE SOME TIME CONSTRAINTS.

WELCOME, MS. YOUNG. THE ISSUE HERE FOLKS AGAIN IS THAT WE HAVE A VACATION VACANCY OR SOON TO BE VACANCY TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD, ONE OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS SO THE ISSUE IS HERE WE HAVEN'T QUITE SETTLED ON OUR COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ROLES, ONE OF THOSE WAS OUR HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE THAT -- THAT ESSENTIALLY SCREENED THE MANY APPLICANTS THAT WE HAD AS A CITY COUNCIL MONTH THAT BOARD. AND SO THE QUESTION THEN THAT COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY IS ASKING IS WHAT PERHAPS -- PERHAPS SOME DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL AS TO HOW EITHER THAT EXISTING EXISTING SUBCOMMITTEE OR JUST A SPECIAL REQUEST TO BRING FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL. WELCOME, MS. YOUNG.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ONE OF THE CURRENT MEMBERS OR CURRENT APPOINTEES HER TERM COMPLETED BASICALLY I THINK AS OF TUESDAY. THAT APPOINTMENT -- THERE'S NOT A -- REAPPOINTMENT IS NOT BEING SOUGHT FOR THAT POSITION, SO WE WILL NEED TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD. MS. SUE CAN SERVE THROUGH THE END OF AUGUST. SO -- SO ANY HASTE THAT WE CAN PUT TO THAT APPOINTMENT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE DISTRICT. SOME INITIAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT A PROCESS, WE ARE WILLING TO HELP IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN. FROM THE DISTRICT PERSPECTIVE TO FACILITATE THAT.

LAST TIME ON -- THE SUBCOMMITTEE SCREENED THE APPLICANT AND THEN MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL. WE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THE COUNTY SO THAT WE COULD BE ASSURED THAT WE HAD REPRESENTATION FROM MANY DIFFERENT AREAS FOR EXAMPLE AN ATTORNEY AND A FINANCE PERSON AND A BUSINESS PERSON. AND SOMEONE FROM THE FQHC BOARD,

ET CETERA. AND THAT WE HAD BOTH DIVERSITY OF ETHNICITY AS WELL AS GENDER. SO WE KEPT ALL OF THOSE IN -- IN MIND AND BROUGHT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU. IT IS -- I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY APPLICATIONS WE WILL GET THIS YEAR, BUT THERE WERE -- VERY LARGE NUMBER, 60 OR 70 APPLICATIONS THAT WE HAD LAST TIME. SO WE WOULD -- RECOMMENDING THAT THIS WOULD BE A PROCESS, [INDISCERNIBLE] USED SOME OF THAT FOR THE SCREENING FOR THE COUNCIL.

Mayor Wynn: ACTUALLY THAT BEGS THE QUESTION, IT SOUNDS LIKE WE MIGHT NEED TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER. IS THERE A RECOMMENDATION AS TO HOW WE WOULD GO SOLICIT POTENTIAL APPLICANTS? WOULD WE GO BACK AND LOOK AT LAST YEAR'S LIST? WOULD WE HAVE ANOTHER SORT OF CALL TO THE COMMUNITY TO -- --

ACTUALLY BOTH APPROACHES. I BELIEVE -- THAT THE CITY CLERK HAS IN FACT SENT NOTICE TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANTS, THAT A POSITION WAS COMING OPEN, TO INDICATE THEIR INTERESTS. IN ADDITION THERE'S THOUGHT TO GIVING, PUBLISHING A RELEASE, LETTING FOLKS KNOW THAT THIS POSITION IS OPEN SO ANY ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS COULD APPLY.

COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK VICTORY CHU FOR HER SERVICE IN THAT ROLE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT SHE'S THE ONLY ASIAN ON THE BOARD, ALSO ONE OF I THINK HOW MANY WOMEN, TWO?

THREE.

THREE WOMEN ON THE BOARD WHICH MAKES UP HOW MANY MEMBERS?

NINE.

SO I WOULD LIKE TO -- TO GIVE THAT TO THE CONSIDERATIONS AS WELL AS TAKING IN APPLICATIONS.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: MAYOR, I WOULD SUGGEST OPENING UP THE PROCESS FOR APPLICATION, SIMILAR TO -- WHEN WE GET A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OR APPLICATIONS, AND SITION SINCE THE HEALTH CARE SUBCOMMITTEE STILL TECHNICALLY EXISTS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVEN'T MET IN A WHILE AND WE ARE MINUS MAYOR PRO TEM GOODMAN, I SUPPOSE WE HAVE A SUBCOMMITTEE WITH FOUR MEMBERS, BUT MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS AND COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY AND I ARE STILL I THINK OFFICIALLY THE APPOINTEES. SO ANYWAY I SUPPOSE IN A -- WE COULD EITHER JUST KEEP THAT COMMITTEE -- GOING FOR -- FOR A NEW A FEW MONTHS OR ACTUALLY JUST, YOU KNOW, SELECT A TEMPORARY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL TO GO THROUGH THAT PROCESS SIMILAR TO WHAT ANY BOARD WOULD DO WHEN THEY HAVE A VACANCY TO FILL. THEY WOULD SELECT A NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND MAYBE THAT WOULD -- SO I GUESS I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT FOR THE NEXT MEETING, WHEN WE COME BACK WITH OUR RESOLUTION SAYING DO WE STILL HAVE A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE SUBCOMMITTEE OR NOT, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT. BUT -- BUT I DON'T KNOW, COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY, DID WANT TO --

Dunkerly: ONE OTHER CONSIDERATION WE MAY WANT TO MAKE AT THIS TIME IS THAT -- I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, BUT THERE IS SOME INTEREST IN CONTINUING THE SUBCOMMITTEE BECAUSE THERE WILL BE ONGOING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS OUR OWN PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM AND OUR SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACTS. SO I KNOW ON THE SHEETS THAT WENT AROUND THAT COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN BEING ON THAT COMMITTEE. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF THAT.

Mayor Wynn: SEEMS TO ME, COUNCIL, SINCE WE TECHNICALLY STILL HAVE A -- YOU KNOW, A HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE, THERE'S STILL A QUORUM OF THAT, THREE COUNCILMEMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN SERVING ON THAT COMMITTEE, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THAT SUBCOMMITTEE, THOSE MEMBERS OVER THIS NEXT TWO

WEEK PERIOD, ACTUALLY WORKING WITH ANY OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS WHO HAVE A STRONG INTEREST, BUT COME BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON THAT 18th POSTED ITEM ABOUT -- ABOUT LIKELY CONTINUING THAT COMMITTEE, ADDING A FOURTH MEMBER, AND OUTLINING FOR THE REST OF THE COUNCIL THE RECOMMENDATION AS TO HOW WE -- WE REPLACE THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IMHL? LMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

Leffingwell: I GUESS IT'S UP TO ME TO VOLUNTEER MYSELF FOR THAT DUTY NOW. I BELIEVE WE ALREADY HAD A SHORT INFORMAL MEETING THIS WEEK. I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO CONTINUE ON IF THAT'S THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? WE HAVE ONE CITIZEN SIGNED UP. PAT JOHNSON WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM NO. 20, I BELIEVE IT IS.

GOOD MORNING, COUNCIL, THIS ITEM NO. 20 IS THE CENTRAL PARKING CONTRACT. I HAVE ASKED SINCE THE CONTRACT WAS STARTED WHEN ARE WE GOING TO SEE SOME DISABLED PARKING UNDER THOSE BRIDGES. DISABLED CITIZENS IN WHEELCHAIRS HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO ENJOY SIXTH STREET AS ANYONE ELSE. THEY KEEP PUTTING IT OFF, PUTTING IT OFF, PUTTING IT OFF. I WOULD ASK THAT COUNCIL ASK STAFF IF THIS IS WRITTEN INTO THE CONTRACT, THAT YOU ARE FIXING TO APPROVE, AND SPEND OUR TAX DOLLARS ON. SECONDLY, THE TOWING COMPANY, THAT CENTRAL PARKING IS USING, WAS CITED BY TXDOT IN AN INVESTIGATION ON JUNE 16th FOR THE SAME THING AUSTIN EXPRESS WAS, FOR NOT CALLING IN IMPOUND TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. SO WHEN PEOPLE COME FIND THEIR CARBON, THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS BECAUSE IT HASN'T BEEN REPORTED. YET WE KICK AUSTIN EXPRESS OFF ROTATION, BUT NOT AUSTIN TOWING OFF ROTATION. IT SHOULD BE REQUIRED THEY USE A TOWING COMPANY THAT REQUIRES ALL OF THEIR DRIVERS TO BE LICENSED BY A.P.D. CURRENTLY TWO DRIVERS WORKING AT NIGHTTIME THAT DON'T HAVE NO WRECKER'S LICENSE. THE ISSUE ON ENFORCEMENT AT 2:30 IN THE MORNING OR 3:00, THEY ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO START TOWING UNTIL 3:30, LIKE DAVID ACUNA SAYS IT'S NOT OUR OBJECTIVE TO WANT TO TOW

PEOPLE'S CARS. THE TOWING IS A DETERRENT SO THEY CAN CLEAN THE PARKING LOT. WHEN YOU HAVE TOW TRUCKS SHOWING UP OVER THERE BEFORE 3:30 TO TOW, BASED ON THIS CONTRACT THAT YOU ARE GOING TO APPROVE WITH CENTRAL PARKING, THEY ARE ACTUALLY STEALING CARS. THEY HAVE DONE IT MORE THAN ONCE. WE HAVE COMPLAINED AND COMPLAINED AND COMPLAINED. EVEN POLICE OFFICERS WORKING THE CONTROL BOOTH AT THE MAIN STATION HAVE SEEN THEM OVER THERE AT 3:00, 3:05, 3:15. A CITIZEN SHOULD NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BREAKING ITS LEG OR AN ANKLE TRYING TO GET TO THEIR CAR WHEN THEY SEE A TOW TRUCK PARKING BEHIND THEIR CAR. I DON'T THINK THAT'S RIGHT FOR OUR CITIZENS TO BE TREATED LIKE THAT. THEY DO NOT TAKE THE CARS DIRECTLY TO THE STORAGE FACILITY. THEY TAKE THEM OVER ON SAN MARCOS, DROP THEM IN THE PARKING LOT, THEN BRING THEIR ROLL BACKS IN, FERRY THEM ALL DOWN. STATE LAW SAYS IMPOUND HAVE TO GO FROM ONE PARKING LOT STRAIGHT TO THE STORAGE FACILITY. WE HAVE COMPLAINED, COMPLAINED, COMPLAINED, BUT BECAUSE WE CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT IS BECAUSE WE LACK STAFFING IN CHARLIE SECTOR AT NIGHTTIME. WE HAVE 23 OFFICERS IN THE DOWNTOWN AT NIGHTTIME, WE HAVE LESS OVER IN CHAR LEE. THESE TOWS COMPANIES KNOW THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH THIS BECAUSE THERE'S NO ENFORCEMENT. I ASKED THE STAFF TO RESPOND TO COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO SEE DISABLED PARKING UNDERNEATH THOSE PACKAGES. I ASK STAFF TO ALSO SHARE WITH COUNCIL THE PACKET THAT A.P.D. PREPARED IN REFERENCE TO ASSURED TOWING IN REFERENCE TO THIS TOWING CONTRACT. I ASKED THAT WE HAVE SOME REASONING ON THIS TOWING. WE HAVE GOT TO HAVE DISABLED PARKING. A DISABLED PERSON IS OBLIGATED TO HAVE A PLACE TO PARK DOWN THERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR.

THANK YOU, MR. JOHNSON. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: I THINK, IF SOMEONE WANTS TO ADDRESS THAT, IT SEEMS LIKE A LEGITIMATE REQUEST --

Futrell: ACTUALLY IT DOES TO ME, TOO. LET'S SEE IF VICKI

CAN ADDRESS THE DISABLED PARKING PIECE.

GOOD MORNING, VICK SEE SCHUBERT, DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. THE BUILDING SERVICES GROUP HAS BEEN WORKING WITH CENTRAL PARKING ON BOTH THE STRIPING ISSUE AND WITH THE TOWING COMPANY ON ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED. WE -- WE RECENTLY REDID THE STRIPING, WE JUST KIND OF MAINTAINED WHAT WAS THERE WAS THE MAKEOVER PROCEEDS, THEN WE WILL BE REDOING, RESTRIPIING THE LOT, ADD BEING SOME GOOD PARKING FOR HANDICAPPED FOLKS. WE HAVE ALSO WORKED ON THE TOWING, I BELIEVE THERE WAS SOME ISSUES PREVIOUSLY ABOUT LICENSING AND THINGS LIKE THAT. USING CONTRACT EMPLOYEES INSTEAD OF PERMANENT EMPLOYEES. ASSURED HAS ASSURED US WHEN THEY TAKE FOLKS OFF THE LOT UNDER I-35, USE THEIR PERMANENT EMPLOYEES RATHER THAN CONTRACT EMPLOYEES AND I DON'T KNOW THAT I WAS AWARE OF A COUPLE OF THE ISSUES THAT MR. JOHNSON RAISED ABOUT THE CARS GETTING TAKEN TO ANOTHER LOCATION BEFORE THEY WERE TAKEN TO THE FINAL I AM ND SITE -- IMPOUND SITE BUT WE CAN LOOK INTO THAT.

Alvarez: IS IT POSSIBLE TO LOOK INTO PROVIDING DISABLED PARKING.

YES.

Alvarez: WOULD THAT AFFECT THE MONETARY ASPECT OF THE CONTRACT IN ANY WAY IF -- YOU KNOW, IF WE HAVE TO TAKE OUT A SPACE OR TWO IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE LARGER --

IT WOULD ONLY BE A MINIMAL IMPACT.

Alvarez: OKAY. FINALLY IN TERMS OF THE TOWING ISSUES, IS THERE A -- LANGUAGE IN THE CONTRACT ABOUT -- ABOUT, YOU KNOW, ABOUT THE KIND OF -- I GUESS, YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF WHAT THE RECOMMENDED FIRM WOULD HAVE TO DO IN TERMS OF SECURING TOWING SERVICES THAT -- THAT BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A CITY -- CITY MANAGED ESSENTIALLY PARKING FACILITY. WITH, YOU KNOW -- WITH -- WE ARE CONTRACTING OUT THOSE MANAGEMENT

SERVICES. SO IT WOULD SEEM PRUDENT TO ASK THEM TO -- TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR CONTRACTING WITH TOWING COMPANIES THAT ARE IN GOOD STANDING, YOU KNOW, WITH -- WITH -- IN TERMS OF OUR RULES AND REGULATIONS, WHETHER IT'S LOCAL OR STATE. UT IS THERE ANY LANGUAGE IN THE -- BUT IS THERE ANY LANGUAGE IN THE CONTRACT TO THAT -- THAT DEALS WITH THE TOWING ASPECT OF THINGS?

THERE IS -- THERE WAS LANGUAGE IN THE R.F.P. ABOUT THE TOWING. I KNOW THAT THERE WAS SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ABOUT THEM COMPLYING WITH STATE LAWS. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE ALSO TALKED TO CENTRAL ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD BE FLEXIBLE ON TOWING IF WE HAD A PROBLEM WITH ONE TOWING COMPANY AND THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY COULD BE FLEXIBLE. SO I THINK THAT WE WILL WORK TO GET SOMETHING IN THE CONTRACT THAT'S ADEQUATE TO PROTECT THE CITY AND THE CITIZENS AND TO DATE CENTRAL HAS BEEN WILLING TO WORK WITH US ON THAT.

Alvarez: OKAY. THEN FINALLY, JUST IF YOU WANT TO JUST RECAP WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE I BELIEVE THERE'S BEEN, YOU KNOW, FURTHER EVALUATION THAT HAS GONE ON IN THE LAST FOUR TO SIX WEEKS, SO IF YOU WANT TO JUST TELL US WHERE WE ARE, WHAT THE RECOMMENDATION IS FROM STAFF AT THIS POINT.

I CAN. BASED ON COUNCIL DIRECTION IN -- AT THE END OF JUNE, WE WENT BACK AND ASKED CLARIFYING QUESTIONS OF THE TOP FOUR PROPOSERS ON THIS CONTRACT. AFTER WE GOT THOSE RESPONSES, WE TOOK ALL OF THE WRITTEN MATERIALS, BOTH THE INITIAL PROPOSALS AND THE SECONDARY RESPONSES. AND REDID THE EVALUATION BASED ON THAT. WE HAVE FOLLOWED THAT PROCESS WITH AN INTERVIEW OF THE FOUR TOP PROPOSERS. AND RESCORED OR SCORED FOR THE INTERVIEW. RIGHT NOW THEIR CENTRAL IS STILL -- THE RECOMMENDED FIRM. THEY ARE NOT THE LOWEST PRICED FIRM BY ABOUT \$3,200. BUT I BELIEVE STAFF FELT LIKE SOME OF THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AND THINGS LIKE THAT THROUGH AN R.F.P. PROCESS PUT CENTRAL ABOVE THE NEXT HIGHEST OR THE

NEXT PROPOSER.

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, MS. SCHUBERT. FURTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF? COUNCIL? FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ, AMENDED THERE BE THEREBY POSTING THE ITEM UNTIL AUGUST THE 25th. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY WE HAVE A FEW VISITORS HERE FROM THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HERE STUDYING HOW FLAWLESSLY OUR COUNCIL MEETING IS RUN [LAUGHTER] INCLUDING MS. RAMOS WHO USED TO WORK WITH US, WELCOME BACK. YOU KNOW, WE -- THE NEW MAYOR OF SAN ANTONIO, PHIL HARDBURGER JOKES THAT OUR MOTTO IS KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD, BUT I SAW HIM IN A T-SHIRT THAT SAID KEEP THE WEIRD IN AUSTIN. MOTION ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. ALL IN FAVOR?

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. -- MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0, THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, WE HAVE A FEW DISCUSSION ITEMS TO GET THROUGH THIS MORNING BEFORE LUNCH BREAK. THE FIRST PULLED ITEM WAS ITEM NO. 6, PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ RELATED TO THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO OUR INTERLOCAL. WITH TRAVIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. I RECOGNIZE COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MAYOR, THIS WILL BE REAL QUICK. AND KNOWING THAT MS. YOUNG WOULD BE HERE I THOUGHT THAT WE MIGHT TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT -- ABOUT THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT, HOW THINGS ARE GOING IN THAT REGARD AND THIS IS A SMALL CONTRACT. WITH THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT. I WAS JUST WONDERING IF SHE COULD EXPLAIN WHAT THIS ITEM DOES. OR WOULD ACCOMPLISH AND THEN I HAD A COUPLE OF

FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME BACK, MS. YOUNG.

STEPPED OUT ON ANOTHER MATTER. YOUR QUESTION WAS -
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Alvarez: THIS IS AN AMENDMENT, I GUESS, TO OUR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND IT ADDS A LITTLE BIT, YOU KNOW, FUNDING IN TERMS OF THAT AGREEMENT.

THAT'S CORRECT.

Alvarez: BUT IT LIST TWO OR THREE FUNCTIONS, I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT EXACTLY THIS WOULD FUND THE TECHNOLOGY PART? IS IT -- IT REFERENCES SUPPORT SERVICES BY OUR TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND REFERENCES AN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE TO BE HIRED BY THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT, SO IS THE FUNDS HERE FOR THE EMPLOYEE OR FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED OR BOTH? I GUESS.

ACTUALLY, IT'S SEVERAL ITEMS. MAYBE I CAN TAKE THEM ONE AT A TIME. YOU WILL RECALL THAT WE EXECUTED THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE CITY LAST OCTOBER BASICALLY. THESE ARE A SERIES OF CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN -- HAVE ARISEN SINCE THAT TIME AND THEY COVER SEVERAL AREAS. FIRST OF ALL, THERE WERE ADDITIONAL DOLLARS THAT WERE -- THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD APPROVED TO GIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT. TO GO TOWARDS OUR OPERATING EXPENSES. HAVING TO DO WITH WAGE ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN CLINICAL POSITIONS. THE -- THE DISTRICT BOARD GRANTED THOSE ADDITIONAL DOLLARS BECAUSE THEY FOUND MERIT IN THE REQUEST. THE REQUEST ACTUALLY HAD BEEN MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THEIR ORIGINAL BUDGET SUBMISSION AS AN ENHANCEMENT REQUEST, BUT DUE TO THE NEWNESS OF THE DISTRICT LAST SUMMER, WHEN THEY WERE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER A BUDGET ON A VERY ABBREVIATED BASIS, THEY REALLY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER THAT REQUEST. THEY DID SUBSEQUENT TO THE START OF THE YEAR AND DID GRANT THOSE ADDITIONAL MONEYS. SO

THERE IS AN ADJUSTMENT IN THERE FROM THE DISTRICT TO PAY THE CITY ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THAT ITEM. ADDITIONALLY, THE -- WHEN I STARTED MY POSITION WITH THE DISTRICT IN APRIL, I HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH FOLKS FROM CTM ABOUT PROVIDING SUPPORT TO ME AND MY SMALL STAFF AT THE DISTRICT. FROM COMPUTER WORK STATIONS, TELEPHONES AND SUCH. I THINK YOU'LL RECALL THAT CITY DEEDED THE CESAR CHAVEZ BUILDING TO THE DISTRICT THAT OCCURRED IN DECEMBER AND THOSE -- THAT IS THE FACILITY THAT I'M USING AS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE DISTRICT THAT MADE A LOT OF SENSE TO -- TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE NETWORK AND THE PHONE SYSTEM THERE AS OPPOSED TO THE DISTRICT HAVING TO BUILD ITS OWN. SO CTM IS PROVIDING THAT SUPPORT. WE HAVE AGREED UPON A RATE TO REIMBURSE CTM FOR THOSE SERVICES, THAT'S ANOTHER COMPONENT. ADDITIONALLY, THERE WERE CERTAIN CONTRACTS THAT WE HAD DISCUSSED TRANSFERRING TO THE DISTRICT TO ADMINISTER AS OPPOSED TO THEM BEING ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY. WE HAVE FACILITATED THAT TRANSFER AND THIS NOW BASICALLY MOVES THE FUNDS FROM THE CITY INTERLOCAL, WHICH THEY ORIGINALLY PAID INTO THE DISTRICT, SO THE DISTRICT IS ACTUALLY NOW PAYING THAT COST. SO THAT IS A WASH, SO TO SPEAK. THE OTHER ITEM HAS TO DO WITH A POSITION THAT -- THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED AS IT WAS A JOINT DECISION BETWEEN THE CITY DEPARTMENT, THE DISTRICT AND ALSO SETON TO REPROGRAM CERTAIN DOLLARS OUT OF BOTH THE CITY'S BUDGET AND SETON'S BUDGET, TO PUT SOME SPECIFIC STAFF TO THE PATIENT SERVICE COORDINATION EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN WITH SETON BETWEEN THE CLINICS AND BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL. YOU WILL REMEMBER THE JOINT ACTION TEAM INITIATIVE TAKE WE UNDERTOOK ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO NOW. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE CONNECTIVITY AS PATIENTS MOVE BETWEEN THE CLINICS AND BRACKENRIDGE AND BACK AND TO OTHER SERVICE AREAS IN THE COMMUNITY. AND THIS -- WE ALL AGREED THAT WE WANTED TO DEVOTE SPECIFIC STAFF TO CONTINUING TO IMPROVE THOSE INTERFACES. IT HAS TO DO A LOT WITH ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEMS COORDINATION. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF -- OF I.T. SYSTEMS AND SUCH TO

FACILITATE PATIENT FLOW AND INFORMATION. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH IS A MORE SEAMLESS DELIVERY OF CARE FOR THE PATIENT WHEN THEY MOVE BETWEEN BRACKENRIDGE AND THE CLINICS. WHAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES IS TAKE FUNDS FROM THE CITY INTERLOCAL, PUT THEM INTO THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET AND THEN THE DISTRICT WILL HIRE THE POSITION THAT FACILITATE THAT COORDINATION BETWEEN SETON OR BETWEEN BRACKENRIDGE AND THE CLINICS.

Alvarez: AND SO IN APPROVING THIS ITEM, THERE'S MONEY FLOWING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS AND THE NET IS THE 22,000?

YES.

Alvarez: THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING.

OVER THE FISCAL YEAR AND THE NET OF ALL OF THOSE ITEMS, IT'S A NET PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF \$22,000.

Alvarez: OKAY. I THOUGHT THERE WAS A LOT HAPPENING FOR 22,000.

YEAH. [LAUGHTER] THERE ARE MUCH LARGER NUMBERS --

AND REALLY I MEAN I THINK THAT -- THAT WAS REALLY WHAT I WANTED EXPLAINED. BUT I ALSO JUST WANTED TO KIND OF ASK OUT OF CURIOSITY BECAUSE THE CITY REALLY CANNOT BE IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING, YOU KNOW, HEALTH SERVICES, I GUESS DIRECT CARE, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU EXPLAIN IT EXACTLY. BUT UNDER THE LAW, THAT'S UNDER THE REALM OF THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT. SO ANY -- ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RUNNING THE CLINICS AND THE HOSPITAL, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, MUST BE BORNE BY THE DISTRICT AND SO I WAS JUST CURIOUS ABOUT IN OUR AGREEMENT, YOU KNOW, DO WE ASSUME THAT A CERTAIN, YOU KNOW, AMOUNT OF FUNDS FLOWS TO -- BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE -- WHAT THE CITY IS MANAGING AND THEN ARE WE ON TARGET WITH OUR PROJECTIONS AND IS THAT SOMETHING THAT LIKE IF -- AGAIN IS THAT SOMETHING THAT'S ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS TRANSACTION WHERE IF -- IF, YOU KNOW, THE OPERATIONS BEING MANAGED SORT OF - - YOU KNOW AS A PART OF THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT,

YOU KNOW, IF THEY ARE COSTING MORE THAN WE ORIGINALLY PROJECTED, YOU KNOW, HOW IS THAT WORKING IN TERMS OF BALANCING OUT AND MAKING SURE THAT, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE NECESSARILY ANY GENERAL FUND DOLLARS GOING TOWARDS THOSE SERVICES.

I WOULD BE HAPPY TO EXPLAIN THE WAY THE INTERLOCAL WAS CRAFTED AND THE WAY THAT THE SITUATION IS WORKING. THE -- AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE DISTRICT, WITH THE TRANSFER OF THE TAX RATE FROM THE CITY AND THE COUNTY LAST YEAR TO THE DISTRICT, IT'S NOW THE DISTRICT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FUND THE SERVICES THAT ARE CONTINUING TO BE MANAGED OR PROVIDED DIRECTLY BY THE CITY ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT THROUGH THAT INTERLOCAL. YOU KNOW THE INTERLOCAL HAS A FIXED PERIOD, THERE'S DISCUSSION ABOUT A PROCESS TO TRANSFER THOSE OPERATIONS ULTIMATELY TO THE DISTRICT. BECAUSE THE DISTRICT DOES HAVE THE -- THE TAXING ABILITY AND THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY THE WAY THE INTERLOCAL WAS WRITTEN, PROVIDES THAT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS WE WILL AGREE TO A BUDGET, THE DISTRICT WILL APPROVE THAT BUDGET, YOU WILL APPROVE THAT BUDGET, THERE ARE A SERIES OF WHAT WE REFER TO AS SERVICE OPERATING PAYMENTS MADE. BASICALLY THE BUDGET DIVIDED BY 1/12th. WE MAKE A MONTHLY PAYMENT. WE DO HAVE PROVISION WITH THE NET INTERLOCAL THAT WILL ALLOW US TO -- TO EVALUATE AT THE END OF THE YEAR WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERAGE OR A SHORTFALL. ACTUALLY, THE -- THAT REVIEW BECOMES -- COMES INTO PLAY EARLIER IN THE YEAR IF THERE IS IN FACT A SHORTFALL. LET ME SEE IF I CAN SEPARATE THE TWO ITEMS. IF IT LOOKS LIKE IN ANY GIVEN BUDGET YEAR, WE ARE UNDER OUR REVENUE PROJECTIONS OR OVER OUR EXPENSE PROJECTIONS IN A WAY THAT THE NET LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE NOT BUDGETED SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO THE CITY TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES, OUR AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT WE SIT DOWN AND WE DISCUSS THAT AND WE DECIDE JOINTLY WHAT ACTIONS NEED TO BE TAKEN, EITHER ADJUSTMENTS IN SERVICE OR ADJUSTMENTS BY VIRTUE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS BEING GIVEN TO THE CITY TO CONTINUE. IF THE DISTRICT SHOULD NOT APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS

IN A SHORTFALL SITUATION, IT IS WITHIN THE RIGHTS OF THE CITY TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES THEY NEED TO, TO BASICALLY MAKE THEMSELVES WHOLE, THAT THEY DON'T GO OUT OF POCKET, THAT THERE'S NO RISK TO THE CITY. IN THE EVENT OF A -- OF WHERE WE HAVE PROJECTED A CERTAIN BUDGET EXPENDITURE BUT WE HAVE DONE BETTER THAN PROJECTED, THAT BENEFIT ACCRUES TO THE DISTRICT BECAUSE IT IS THE DISTRICT THAT'S PROVIDING THE FUNDS. SO WE MONITOR THAT ON A MONTH Y BASIS, SO FAR THIS YEAR FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, IT APPEARS THAT WE WILL ACTUALLY BE UNDERBUDGET FOR THE OPERATIONS.

Alvarez: OKAY. THAT'S -- I PRESUME THAT'S WHERE THE -- WHERE THAT NICE HEALTHY CONTINGENCY FUND COMES IN. LOOKS LIKE, YOU KNOW, WE ARE NOT MEETING OUR PROJECTIONS OR EXCEEDING THEM IN TERMS OF EXPENDITURES, ET CETERA.

THAT'S RIGHT. ON THE DISTRICT'S SIDE, THERE ARE CERTAIN RESERVES THAT ARE IN PLACE THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO HANDLE ANY SHORTFALL SHOULD IT OCCUR. SO WE HAVE THAT, WE HAVE THAT FINANCIAL ABILITY TO DO THAT. WE -- IN MATERIALS OF -- OF THE ACTUAL OPERATIONS THEMSELVES, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME FAVORABLE CONDITIONS THIS YEAR IN TERMS OF BUDGETARY IMPACT, THE IMPACT OF THE WALLGREEN'S CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT, HAS REALLY EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR COST SAVINGS AND AGAIN REMEMBER PRIMARILY THE BENEFIT OF THAT ARRANGEMENT ALLOWED US TO APPLY 340 B PRICING TO ALL OF OUR PATIENTS AND PAY DISCOUNTED COSTS FOR THOSE DRUGS. SO THAT CONTRACT AND THE RESULTS OF THAT CONTRACT IS -- HAS BEEN A REAL -- OF REAL IMPORTANCE AND BENEFIT TO THE DISTRICT BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT IT'S HAD. IT'S ALLOWED US TO STAY UNDER BUDGET AND LOOK HOW WE MIGHT TAKE THOSE DOLLARS OF SAVINGS AND INCREASES SERVICES OR CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PHARMACY TO ALL OF THE PATIENTS THAT REQUIRE IT.

Alvarez: GREAT, I THINK WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER DISCUSSION SHORTLY ABOUT THAT. JUST THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT YOU ARE HERE TO ALSO SHARE SOME OTHER INFORMATION

ABOUT WHAT'S -- WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHAT'S NEW WITH THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT. THANK YOU.

FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR MS. YOUNG, COUNCIL?

Alvarez: MOVE APPROVAL.

Mayor Wynn: MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL. FURTHER DISCUSSION? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, TECHNICALLY WE NEED TO AT THIS TIME ADJOURN THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, CALL TO ORDER THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER 15. FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, WE HAVE ONE AGENDA ITEM POSTED AS T.I.F. 1. WE WILL WELCOME I GUESS MS. SUE EDWARDS. OR WELCOME A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION.

MAYOR, THIS IS A PURCHASING ITEM AND THE PURCHASING OFFICER WILL BE DOING THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

THE RELATED ITEM, COUNCIL, IS ITEM NO. 18.

GOOD MORNING MAYOR AND COUNCIL. NUMBER 18 IS JUST AN AGREEMENT WITH C.I.E. MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO APPROVE A HARDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE TAX -- FOR THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REINVESTMENT ZONE. NUMBER 15 FOR BLOCKS 2, 3, 4 AND 21. AND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 61,290 -- \$61,290 WITH TWO 12-MONTH EXTENSION OPTIONS FOR THE HARDSCAPE MAINTENANCE OF THE AREA, WHICH IS EVERYTHING THAT IS NOT YOUR REGULAR LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS. SUCH AS THE SIDEWALKS, CLEANING UP THE GRAFFITI, THINGS LIKE THAT, PICKING UP LEAVES. DO

YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? PERHAPS JUST A BRIEF EXPLANATION, SOME PEOPLE WONDER ABOUT THIS T.I.F. THIS T.I.F. IS -- IS THE AREA, HERE COMES MS. EDWARDS.

MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, SUE EDWARDS, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES OFFICE. THIS -- THIS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ZONE WAS CREATED IN 1999. WITH THE CREATION OF CSC, AND IT ENCOMPASSES BLOCKS 2, 3, 4 AND 21. AND IT WAS USED EXPRESSLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS PARTICULAR AREA AROUND CITY HALL AND CSC WAS MAINTAINED ON A CONSISTENT AND APPROPRIATE BASIS. AND IN ADDITION THERE WAS CONCERN ABOUT THE SECOND STREET RETAIL AS IT CAME INTO BEING. THIS ALSO ASSURES THAT THE AREA WILL BE MAINTAINED IN -- IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY FOR THE RETAIL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. EDWARDS. FURTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF, BOARD MEMBERS? IF NOT THEN I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE T.I.F. ITEM NO. 1, THE EXECUTION OF THIS 12-MONTH SERVICE AGREEMENT. MOTION MADE BY NEW BOARD MEMBER LEFFINGWELL. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER DUNKERLY. FURTHER COMMENTS? ALL IN FAVOR.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. SO, COUNCIL, IF YOU DON'T MIND WE WILL GO BACK AND TAKE UP ITEM NO. 18. WE WILL ADJOURN THIS MEETING OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE -- OF THE -- WHAT ARE WE CALLING THIS? THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER 15, CALL BACK TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, AT THIS TIME CALL WE CAN TAKE UP THE RELATED ITEM NO. 18, WHICH IS - - THIS SAME RELATED ITEM. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE RELATED ITEM NO. 18 AS POSTED. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE,

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. OKAY, COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US BACK TO OUR DISCUSSION ITEMS. THIS TIME WE CAN GO TO ITEM NO. 9. WHICH WAS PULLED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS REGARDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE NEWLY CREATED PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT.

Thomas: THANK YOU, MAYOR, I JUST NEED TO ASK A QUESTION OF STAFF. I THINK MS. MILLS ANSWERED IT. MY CONCERN WAS THAT THE CONCEPT OF WHAT WE ARE DOING AS FAR AS PULLING THESE PUBLIC SAFETIES TOGETHER, I AGREE WITH 100%. BUT I'M CONCERNED THAT IF ANYBODY THAT'S IN THE PROCESS RIGHT NOW, HOW WOULD IT AFFECT THOSE APPLICANTS FOR THE OPEN POSITIONS? FOR EXAMPLE, LIKE PARK OR EITHER AIRPORT, HOW WOULD IT AFFECT THEM? BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME CONCERNS, SOME APPLICANTS THAT HAVE APPLIED, WE DON'T GET THEM IN THE PROCESS IN TIME THEY WOULD LOSE THEIR CERTIFICATION. CAN YOU ADDRESS THAT?

MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL, RUDY GARZA, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, THERE WILL ACTUALLY BE NO IMPACT TO ANY APPLICANT IN THE PROCESS. THERE'S NO CHANGE IN THE HIRING PROCESS. WE AREN'T PUTTING ANY POSITIONS ON HOLD, ANY KIND OF FREEZE. IT WILL BE COMPLETELY TRANSPARENT.

Thomas: OKAY. THAT WAS MY CONCERN BECAUSE, WE DIDN'T GO INTO A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THAT LAST WEEK AND I KNOW THERE IS A PROCESS GOING ON OF THOSE THAT HAVE VACANCIES IN THOSE PARTICULAR DEPARTMENTS.

OKAY. IN FACT, IF ANYTHING, IT'S ACTUALLY IMPROVED BECAUSE WE -- THE ITEM THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU, WE ARE ADDING FIVE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS. SO ACTUALLY THERE WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE OPPORTUNITIES. BUT YOU'RE RIGHT THERE'S BEEN SOME ANXIETY

THROUGHOUT, BUT AGAIN WE REITERATE IT WILL BE COMPLETELY TRANSPARENT TO APPLICANTS AND CURRENT EMPLOYEES.

Thomas: THANK YOU, THEN NO OTHER QUESTIONS, MAYOR, I MOVE APPROVAL FOR APPROVAL ON ITEM NO. 9.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY, MAYOR PRO TEM MOVES APPROVAL OF ITEM NO. 9 AS POSTED. I'LL SECOND THAT. FURTHER COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL. SO, COUNCIL, ITEM NO. 13, PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIM AND ALVAREZ RELATES TO AMONG OTHER THINGS OUR ACTION PLAN. OR SPECIFICALLY PAUL HILGERS. WELCOME, MR. HILGERS.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, MAYOR PRO TEM, I'M PAUL HILGERS, DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. I THOUGHT THAT WHAT I WOULD DO TODAY IS TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE CONTEXT FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S 2005-2006 ACTION PLAN. AS YOU KNOW THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS THE GRANT RECIPIENT FOR FEDERAL FUNDS THAT COME TO US FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE A VERY DETAILED ALLOCATION PROCESS THAT WE GO THROUGH. THAT -- THAT IS THE WAY WE DETERMINE PRIORITIES AND HOW WE FUND OUR FEDERAL PROGRAMS. WE HAVE A FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLANNING PROCESS, WHICH WE COMPLETED LAST YEAR, WHICH IDENTIFIES THROUGH VARIOUS STUDIES THE HIGHEST NEEDS AND THEN A SERIES OF FOUR ADDITIONAL ACTION PLANS OF WHICH THIS IS THE SECOND OF THOSE ACTION PLANS. AT THE CENTER OF THAT PROCESS, IS OUR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN. AND IT IS INTEGRAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAMS IN DETERMINING THE PRIORITIES OR NEEDS FOR THE LIMITED FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT WE RECEIVE FROM H.U.D. AT THE -- IN -- JUST TO OUTLINE THAT PROCESS, THAT CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN, JUST TO BE CLEAR THAT IT DOES

EXCEED THE STANDARDS REQUIRED BY H.U.D. AS APPROPRIATE IN THIS COMMUNITY, IN ADDITION, IS IN ADDITION TO THE BUDGETING PROCESS THAT WE HAVE. THIS IS -- WILL BE A -- WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THE PRESENTATION THAT I MAKE THIS AFTERNOON AS PART OF THE BUDGET -- OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGETS. A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL ABOUT SOME OF THESE ISSUES. BUT THE COUNCIL OBVIOUSLY HAS THE FINAL APPROVAL FOR POLICY AND FUNDING DECISIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THIS CONSOLIDATED PLAN, AND THE ACTION PLANS. JUST TO BRIEFLY HIGHLIGHT FOR YOU SOME OF THE WAYS IN WHICH THE CITY SOUGHT DIFFERENT AVENUES, IT WAS THROUGH OUR NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND CITIZEN SURVEY THAT WE CONDUCTED IN THE FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN, TWO DIFFERENT PUBLIC HEARINGS -- IN THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT PHASE FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE CITY COUNCIL, A FAIR HOUSING FORUM, COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS, WE INVOLVED THE MAYOR'S MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE AND A GENTRIFICATION WORKSHOP, THE C.A.N. REVIEWED THESE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, WE HAD A HOUSING SUMMIT THAT HAD INPUT INTO THIS, AND WE INCLUDED THE AUSTIN BOARD OF REALITORS DIVERSITY COMMITTEE IN THEIR PRESENTATION ON FAIR HOUSING, REVIEWED THIS PRESENTATION, THESE PLANS AND HAD COMMENT ON THEM. SO WE THEN DISTRIBUTED THE DRAFT ACTION PLAN ON MAY THE 9th. HAD A 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FROM MAY 9th TO JUNE THE 9th. TWO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THIS BODY AND AT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND WE RECEIVED THE WRITTEN COMMENTS. ALL OF THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN WRAPPED INTO PRESENTATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADDITIONAL DRAFTS THAT ARE THEN PREPARED FOR YOU AND WILL BE THEN SUBMITTED TO H.U.D. ON AUGUST THE 15th FOR APPROVAL BY THIS BOARD. JUST TO REMIND YOU OF THE RIERTSPRIORITIES THAT WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE 2004-2009 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN. PRIMARILY OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY IN THIS COMMUNITY IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING. BROKEN INTO THREE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES, ONE OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING, IN OTHER WORDS REHABILITATION THROUGH OUR ARCHITECT YOUR BARRIER REMOVAL,

EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM, THEN REHABILITATION. ANOTHER PRIORITY IN HOUSING IS OBVIOUSLY OUR FIRST TIME HOME BUYER SERVICE THAT'S WE PROVIDE. SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE. RENTAL HOUSING PRIMARILY TO THOSE AT 50 PERCENT BELOW MEDIUM FAMILY INCOME. IN ADDITION TO THAT, CHILD CARE, YOUTH SUPPORT, FAIR HOUSING COUNSELING AND INFORMATION REFERRAL WERE IDENTIFIED AS HIGH PRIORITIES IN THE PLAN. JUST AGAIN A SENSE OF CONTEXT. THE CITY OF AUSTIN HAS CREATED THE HOUSING CONTINUUM AS OUR FRAMEWORK FOR INVESTMENT TO LINK HOUSING PROGRAMS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY AND TO ASSIST RESIDENTS MOVING INTO THE CROWDED HOUSING MARKET. THE CONTINUUM EXTENDS ACROSS 8 CATEGORIES FROM HOMELESS SERVICES, EMERGENCY SHELTERS, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING TO RENTAL HOUSING, FIRST TIME HOME BUYER HOUSING AND OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING. THE CONTINUUM ALLOWS US TO EVALUATE HOW OUR PROGRAMS ASSIST RESIDENTS AND PROMOTE THE GOAL OF ASSISTING RESIDENTS IN MOVING TO SELF SUFFICIENCY. ALSO IT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS. PARTNERSHIPS WHICH HAVE BECOME VERY SUCCESSFUL AT EVERY LEVEL OF THE HOUSING CONTINUUM. THE CONTINUUM HIGHLIGHTS THE REALITY THAT THE HOUSING CRISIS IS IMPACTING BOTH THE VERY POOR AS WELL AS MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT THE INVESTMENTS SHOULD REFLECT AND RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF EVERY LEVEL OF THE HOUSING CONTINUUM. SO GRAPHICALLY, YOU WILL SEE THAT NEXT YEAR THE GRANTS FUND APPROXIMATELY 91 PERCENT OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TOTALS ABOUT \$10.6 MILLION, WHICH A NEW ENTITLEMENT OF \$8.5 MILLION FOR NEXT YEAR, PROGRAM INCOME OF \$1.3 MILLION AND A REVOLVING LOAN FUND OF 8 -- OF \$800,000, MAKE THAT TOTAL OF 10.6 MILLION FOR THE CDBG PROGRAM, THE HOME GRANT ENTITLEMENT, NEW ENTITLEMENT IS 4.5 MILLION AND THE PROGRAM INCOME OF \$2.6 MILLION. MAKES A TOTAL FOR THE HOME GRANT OF \$7.1 MILLION. WE ARE APPLYING IN NEXT YEAR'S ALLOCATION, NEXT YEAR'S PLAN FOR AN EXPANSION

OF OUR SECTION 108 LOAN OF \$3 MILLION FOR SUPPORTING AND EXPANDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. THE AMERICAN DREAM DOWN PAYMENT INITIATIVE OF \$204,000. AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE OF \$198,000. ALSO APPLYING FOR TWO GRANTS TO CONTINUE OUR SUCCESSFUL LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM OF 2.4 MILLION DOLLAR, A MILLION FOR A HEALTHY HOMES INITIATIVE, AGAIN FOR LEAD HAZARD AND LEAD EDUCATION FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES. AND IN ADDITION, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN PROVIDES NOT ONLY AS FEDERAL DOLLARS BUT AS LOCAL DOLLARS TO SUPPORT HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES TO A LEVEL THAT IS MUCH HIGHER THAN ANY OTHER CITY IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, FOR SURE. MOST OF MY COLLEAGUES AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE VERY JEALOUS OF THE FACT THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN COMMITS SO MUCH GENERAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT US. IN THIS BUDGET YOU WILL SEE A 7th YEAR OF FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND. A MILLION OF GENERAL FUND MONEY TO GO INTO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND. THAT WAS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED AS A FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM. THIS ALLOCATION MARKS THE 7th YEAR OF THAT COMMITMENT. THE WAY WE ROPE TO USE THOSE SERVICES, THOSE FUNDS, ARE SIMPLY BROKEN INTO HOME OWNERSHIP SERVICES, AT 17%, OWNER OCCUPIED AGAIN EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR ... AT 20%, THE GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES AT 13% WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE ENTIRE BUDGET, RENTAL HOUSING, LEFT OF 16%, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, WHICH INCLUDE ALL OF OUR PUBLIC SERVICES AS WELL AS THE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE AUSTIN REVITALIZATION AUTHORITY. DEBT SERVICE ON THE MILLENNIUM YOUTH CENTER, ON THE DOWNTOWN ARCH OPERATED BY FRONT STEPS AND THEN TWO PERCENT OF THE FUNDS THAT GO FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, HOME DOLLARS INTO ASSISTED HOUSING OUR TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AGAIN A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOCUSED ON THE HOUSING CONTINUUM. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS PARTICULAR PLAN ARE FIRST AND FOREMOST THAT THE FEDERAL GRANT ALLOCATION, WHEN YOU LOOK AT ALL OF THE DOLLARS, BETWEEN THE TWO PLANS HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY 7%. THE ACTION PLAN

REPRESENTS THE SECOND YEAR OF THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN, AS I SAID, CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THE PRIORITIES THAT ARE IDENTIFIED TO THAT MORE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS LAST YEAR. THAT WE ARE APPLYING FOR THE ADDITIONAL \$3 MILLION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. TO PURSUE AGGRESSIVE SMALL BUSINESS LENDING STRATEGIES. THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN APPLIED FOR THE LED BASED PROGRAM, LOCALLY KNOWN AS THE SMART LEAD PROGRAM AND HEALTHY HOME DEMONSTRATION GRANT THAT WILL ADDRESS LEAD AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS IN THE HOME AND THEN CONSISTENT WITH AGAIN THE PUBLIC INPUT, THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, THE PLAN, THE DRAFT PLAN HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO REFLECT AN INCREASE TO THE RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY \$700,000. AND REFLECT A DECREASE OF \$100,000 IN DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDING AND \$600,000 EARMARKED FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SUPPORTED THE ANNUAL PLAN, I BELIEVE IT WAS AN 8-3 VOTE WITH A CAVEAT THAT THE INSTRUCTIONS TORP TRY TO IDENTIFY OTHER -- TO TRY TO IDENTIFY OTHER SOURCES OF PUBLIC SERVICES OR GENERAL FUND DOLLARS TO SUPPORT THE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM, TO RETAIN THE PROGRAM AS THE PRIOR FUNDING LEVEL. I BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL SEE IF THE BUDGET IS APPROVED, THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF THROUGH THE FULL FUNDING OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACTS. FINE NAIL, VERY IMPORTANTLY TO US, THE ACTION PLAN INCLUDES SOME ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE ABOUT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIVE REPORT, INCLUDING A WEBSITE L.I.C.ED TO THAT -- LINKED TO THAT REPORT THAT CAN TIE PEOPLE TO THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, TO THE FULL REPORT. AND A STATEMENT THAT IF IN FACT WE NEED TO CHANGE THE PRIORITIES OF THIS PLAN AS A RESULT OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS IT'S SERVING NOTICE TO H.U.D. THAT WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT IS GOING TO BE PROPOSE THRU THROUGH THAT PUBLIC PROCESS. WITH THAT I WOULD BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE. I'M PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THE STAFF HAS DONE, APPRECIATE THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC AND THEIR INPUT IN TRYING TO HELP US WHAT THE BEST USE FOR THESE LIMITED DOLLARS ARE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. AGAIN, WE'LL HAVE THE PRESENTATION OF YOUR LARGER DEPARTMENT TALLAL BUDGET THIS AFTERNOON, WE WILL SEE PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH AND THIS EVENING AS WELL. COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW OFFHAND THE CURRENT FUNDING LEVEL OR PROPOSED FUNDING LEVEL, BOTH OF THOSE FOR THE ESL PROGRAM?

YES, SIR. THE PROPOSED FUNDING LEVEL WAS REDUCED TO ABOUT A \$20,000 ALLOCATION FROM ABOUT A \$50,000 ALLOCATION LAST YEAR WHRKS WE DON'T FUND THE WHOLE PROGRAM. MY UNDERSTANDING IS IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET, WHICH RESTORES THE SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACTS THAT THEY WOULD BE RESTORED TO A FULLY FUNDED LEVEL FOR THE BALANCE OF NEXT YEAR. BETWEEN THE CDBG FUNDS AND THE GENERAL FUNDS AND THE SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT THAT THEY WOULD BE RESTORED TO ABOUT \$100,000 LEVEL.

Leffingwell: SO THAT'S AN INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR.

ABOUT A 3,000 INCREASE I UNDERSTAND FROM THE ALLOCATION.

Leffingwell: THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TONIGHT WITH THE --

YES, SIR MUCH PRESENTED IN OUR BUDGETS THIS AFTERNOON AND -- BUT -- BE PREBED BY MY COLLEAGUE DAVID LURIE THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

THANK YOU,.

THANK YOU, SIR.

THANK YOU, I THINK THIS IS A GREAT PROGRAM LIKE I SAID. I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED

PLAN AS WELL AS THE ACTION PLAN. I WANTED TO ASK YOU IF THERE IS A POLICY SET FOR EITHER A RATIO OF THE NUMBER OF UNITS FOR OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE VERSUS RENTAL. EITHER IN -- IN NUMBER OF UNITS AS WELL AS IN THE DOLLAR AMOUNT.

THERE IS NOT A FORMULA ALLOCATION SET IN THE FOR AS THEY ARE CRAFTED RIGHT NOW. WE DON'T HAVE A RATIO PER SE. ESSENTIALLY THE WAY OUR PROGRAMS ARE OPERATING IS AS A GAP FINANCING TOOL TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS TO ENHANCE THEIR AFFORDABILITY. SOME OF THOSE THOSE WE ARE VERY PROACTIVE IN. WE HAVE A STRONG ROLE THROUGH OUR DEVELOPMENT WITH THE AUSTIN AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION AND OUR SHOP, WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH NON-PROFITS. SOME OF THEM, WHICH WE HAVE MORE OF A DEVELOPER'S ROLE IN, SOME OF WHICH WE HAVE MORE OF A LENDER'S ROLE IN, SOME OF WHICH WE HAVE MORE OF A FACILITATOR'S ROLE IN. IN SOME CASES WE ARE TRYING TO STIMULATE THE MARKET, TRYING TO DIRECT THE MARKET IN SOME CASES, WHICH MEANS IN SOME CASES WE WILL HAVE MORE OF AN ABILITY TO CONTROL HOW MIXED USE THE PROPERTY ACTUALLY BECOMES. FROM IN THIS PLAN WE ARE PROPOSING TWO MILLION TO SUPPORT THE SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY, NEW ACQUISITION BY FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES FOR AN SRO AS WELL AS SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOME OWNERSHIP IN MONTOPOLIS, AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP IN MONTOPOLIS. SO ESSENTIALLY BOTH OF THOSE INVESTMENTS REPRESENT ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY. ABOUT TWO MILLION EACH. SO THERE'S NOT A SPECIFIC FORMULA THAT IS EARMARKED THAT WOULD RESTRICT SAY IF WE GOT TO 60% ONLY 40% COULD BE SPENT. SO WE DON'T HAVE A THRESHOLD THAT WE BOUNCE UP AGAIN. THAT HAS NOT SEEMED TO BE AN ISSUE OF -- THAT HAS IMPACTED OUR ABILITY TO DO BOTH HOME OWNERSHIP AND RENTAL AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

OKAY. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU, I SEE THAT 600,000 WAS DECREASED FROM ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT AND PUT INTO RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE RATIONALE BEHIND THAT?

YES, AGAIN. THE RATIONALE I BELIEVE, AGAIN, WAS LISTENING TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC TALK ABOUT THE NEEDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT THE VERY LOW INCOME LEVELS FOR RENTAL. SPECIFICALLY, WHAT WE LOOKED AT WAS THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS THAT WE HAD ON THE -- IN LINE AND WHETHER OR NOT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO FUND ALL OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP ACTIVITIES WE HAD PROPOSED AS WELL AS MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE RENTAL. AND SO THE -- THE RATIONALE IS THAT THE HIGHEST NEED IN THIS COMMUNITY IS IN TRANSITIONAL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR INCOMES OF REALLY 30% OR BELOW. SO IF WE COULD EARMARK FUNDS FROM NIN THAT REGARD AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WAS WE ARE WORKING TO FIND ADDITIONAL FUNDING THROUGH OTHER PRIVATE SECTOR SOURCES THAT COULD SUPPORT HOME OWNERSHIP, THAT WE CAN LEVERAGE OUR FEDERAL DOLLARS WITH, FOR HOME OWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT THAT WE WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE PRIORITY BY INCREASING OUR FUNDING FOR RENTAL, AT LOW INCOME LEVELS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SEEKING ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS WE ARE DOING AT HOME OWNERSHIP. SO THAT WAS THE BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CDC. >> OKAY, AS WE ARE DEVELOPING AND GROWING, I'M CONCERNED THAT THE LAND PRICES ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE EXPENSE. THE MORE WE DELAY ACQUISITION DEVELOPMENT, THE MORE EXPENSIVE IT WILL BE. OUR DOLLARS WON'T GO AS FAR AS THEY WOULD TODAY. WITH RENTAL HOUSING I DO AGREE WE HAVE A NEED FOR MORE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE MOVING INTO BEING ABLE TO RENT THEIR OWN APARTMENTS OR WITH THEIR FAMILIES. BUT I -- I DO SEE THAT THERE'S A PRESSING NEED FOR MAKING SURE THAT WE MAKE THOSE INVESTMENTS TODAY SO THAT THEY ARE LESS COSTLY IN THE FUTURE.

I THINK THAT THE FACTS BEAR THAT CONCERN OUT. I MEAN, AS I -- AS YOU ALTHOUGH AT THE PRICE OF LAND AND WHAT TOOLS WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO US AND AGAIN WE ARE LOOKING AT THE TOOLS OF COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS AND

WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO -- TO TAKE PROPERTY THAT USED TO COST US \$5,000 A LOT THAT NOW COSTS US 45 AND \$50,000 A LOT, IN THE SAME AREA, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THOSE PRICES AND THE DILEMMA. I WOULD SAY THIS -- I DO THINK THAT CONCERN IS A VALID CONCERN AND ONE THAT WE NEED TO BE VERY SENSITIVE TO. WE DO STILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET AHEAD OF THE CURVE RELATIVE TO SOME OTHER AREAS IN THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY ON THE COASTS. WHERE OUR AVERAGE PRICE OF A HOUSE HAS GONE TO \$192,000 PER HOUSE, WHICH IS STILL HUGE. IT'S THE LARGEST IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. BUT WHEN THE MEDIAN PRICE OF A HOUSE IN NEW BEDFORD MASSACHUSETTS IS \$640,000, IN SAN FRANCISCO AND ABOVE SAN FRANCISCO IS AS MUCH AS 450 AND \$500,000, WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL THAT THOSE PRESSURES ARE GOING TO COME HERE. GETTING THE KIND OF PROPERTY THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN GET IT AND PRESERVE THE INVESTMENTS FOR AFFORDABILITY IS GOING TO MAKE THIS JOB A LOT MORE DIFFICULT IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS THAN IT HAS BEEN AS DIFFICULT AS IT'S BEEN IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

SURE. I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO SEE THOSE PRICES FROM THE EAST COAST OR WEST COAST HERE IN AUSTIN FOR BUYING A HOME. ABOUTS WE ARE MOVING PEOPLE UP THE CONTINUUM OF HOUSING, WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT WHAT -- I'M SURE THAT YOU AGREE WITH THIS -- THAT WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT KEEPING THEM IN AUSTIN BY THE TIME THEY ARE ABLE TO AFFORD A HOME. I THINK IT WOULD BE A TRAVESTY IF THOSE PEOPLE ARE THEN SELF SUFFICIENT AND BUY A HOME, THEY HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE OF AUSTIN AND WE LOSE THAT TAX BASE.

THAT'S CORRECT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Dunkerly: MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: I WOULD LIKE TO --

Dunkerly: I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYBODY THAT WE HAVE A BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR A POTENTIAL BOND PACKAGE FOR NEXT MAY. THE CITY MANAGER'S ROOM TO THAT GROUP DID INCLUDE SOME MONEY FOR HOUSING AND HOPEFULLY THAT COULD BE SOME OF THE FUNDS THAT WE COULD DIRECT THE LAND TRUST AND TO SOME OTHER THINGS THAT SORT OF FILL THAT GAP. AND I THINK, MR. HILGERS, I KNOW YOU HAVE TO REPORT THIS AND CATEGORIZE IT FOR THE FEDS. PERHAPS WHEN YOU ARE DOING YOUR REPORTING TO US, YOU COULD TAKE THAT SRO GROUP ALMOST OUT OF THE RENTAL GROUP. NORMALLY WHEN WE THINK OF RENTAL WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THE NORMAL ONE, TWO, THREE BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR LOW INCOME AND MODERATE INCOME FOLKS. THE SRO'S ARE SUCH A UNIQUE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT AND TYPE OF SUPPORT BECAUSE IT INCLUDES NOT ONLY A SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY UNIT, BUT INCLUDES IMPORTANT SERVICES FOR THE INDIVIDUALS THAT LIVE THERE. I THINK IT IS TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT NO, MA'AM TO OUR HOMELESS TASK FORCE, BUT JUST TO MANY PEOPLE WHO FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS NEED THAT TYPE OF -- OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD, HOPEFULLY, TO HAVING SOME DOLLARS ON THE BOND PACKAGE.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: CITY MANAGER?

Futrell: PAUL ONE LAST THING. YOU HAD TAKEN A LOOK AT YOUR TOTAL DOLLARS EARLIER IN THE WEEK AND HAD -- THE NUMBER THAT'S STICK IN MY MIND IS YOU HAD LOOKED AND SAW THAT OF YOUR TOTAL FUNDING, ABOUT WHAT, 58% GOES TO HOUSING?

ABOUT 58%, YES, MA'AM.

OKAY. ABOUT EXACTLY 58% TO BE EXACT, YES, MA'AM.

Futrell: THEN OF THE 58%, WE WERE TRYING TO ISOLATE WHAT PERCENT GOES TOWARDS HOUSING OWNERSHIP

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS AND WHAT PERCENT GOES TOWARDS RENTAL ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS. WHAT'S THE BREAKOUT OF THOSE FUNDS.

IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING WELL OVER 60% OF THOSE FUNDINGS TO OWNERSHIP ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO RENTAL PROPERTY. EVEN WHEN YOU HAVE YOU SRO'S.

Futrell: I THOUGHT IT WAS WELL OVER 60% TO OWNERSHIP, ABOUT 38% TO RENTAL.

THAT'S CORRECT, EVEN WHEN WE INCLUDE THE SRO TYPE OF ACTIVITY.

A LITTLE OVER 60% TO OWNERSHIP ACTIVITIES THAT'S CORRECT.

Futrell: STILL THE LION'S SHARE OF YOUR DOLLARS ARE STILL GOING ON TO THE OWNERSHIP SIDE OF THE PICTURE.

THAT'S CORRECT.

OKAY. EVEN WHEN THROUGH OUR EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR WE ARE ALLOWING PEOPLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES BECAUSE THEY ARE FIXING THEIR ROOFS OR THEIR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, THAT A MAJOR COMPONENT OF PRESERVING HOME OWNERSHIP IN THIS COMMUNITY FOR FOLKS WHO OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE THEIR HOUSES. SO THAT IS A COMPONENT AND IT'S A STRONG COMPONENT WHAT WAS WE DO. 1.8 MILLION IS SPENT IN THE EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR AND ARCHITECTURAL BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAMS AS WELL. IT'S IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT, YOU WILL SEE IN ONE OF OUR CHARTS FROM THIS AFTERNOON, IN LEVERAGING THE FEDERAL DOLLARS WE ARE GETTING A VERY HIGH MARK AMONG OTHER CITIES WITH WHAT WE LEVERAGE WITH OUR FEDERAL DOLLARS. WE ARE LOOKING TO NOT ONLY WITH OUR RENTAL PROPERTIES, FIND TAX CREDITS AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES OF COMMERCIAL LENDING BUT IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP ACTIVITIES LOOKING TO THE LENDING INSTITUTIONS NOW FOR LINES OF CREDIT THAT CAN SUPPORT WITH OUR DOLLARS A ONE TO THREE RATIO OF WHATEVER WE INVEST IN OUR HOME OWNERSHIP ACTIVITY

AND WE GET THREE DOLLARS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO HELP SUPPORT --

Futrell: TO ALSO INVEST.

TO ALSO INVEST THOSE DOLLARS INTO HOME OWNERSHIP, SO WE ARE REALLY LEVERAGING THE DOLLARS. TO LOOK AT THE ALLOCATION OF OUR DOLLARS ALONE, IS NOT COUNTING TOTALLY WHAT ALL WE'RE PROVIDING TO THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO FIND WAYS TO SHOW THOSE LEVERAGED DOLLARS ON A MORE CONSISTENT BASIS ON THE COUNCIL SO THAT THEY WILL KNOW WHAT WE ARE INVESTING.

Futrell: THANKS. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] AND THEN THE COMPUTER FACILITIES, ALL THE THINGS THAT GO WITH PART OF BEING HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION MEMBER. SO I HOPE THAT WE CAN HAVE THAT KIND OF DIALOGUE, SOME NEW THINKING ON HOME OWNERSHIP IN AUSTIN.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MAYOR. JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, MR. HILGERS. TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THE HOME OWNERSHIP VERSUS RENTAL. IN THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS WE'VE BEEN INVESTING SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND DOLLARS TOWARDS HOUSING, SO I ASKED A SIMILAR QUESTION AS COUNCILMEMBER KIM OF THOSE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS FOR THIS COMING YEAR, WHAT'S THE BALANCE IN TERMS OF RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP. SO IF YOU COULD TALK ABOUT THAT A LITTLE BIT IN TERMS OF HOW THE MONEY IS USED AND THEN FOR THE COMING YEAR HOW -- ON THE HOME OWNERSHIP SIDE HOW THAT'S BEING TREATED AND ALSO IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CPNR THAT WAS CREATED A FEW MONTHS AGO.

ESSENTIALLY THE DOLLARS THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE CITY FROM GENERAL FUND DOLLARS TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES OF OUR DEPARTMENT CAN BE BROKEN DOWN INTO TWO MAJOR CATEGORIES. ONE IS WHAT WE CALL A SMART HOUSING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. AND THE OTHER ONE IS THE HOUSING TRUST

FUND. THE HOUSING TRUST FUND IS EARMARKED AS PRIMARILY A COMPONENT OF OUR RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. WE ADMINISTER THE BULK OF THAT FUND -- IT'S REDISTRICTED BY POLICY OF THIS COUNCIL TO GO TO 50% OF MEDIAN INCOME NEW RENTAL UNITS. AND THEN THERE IS A SMALL PORTION OF THAT THAT IS ALSO SUPPORTED -- HAS ALSO SUPPORTED OUR TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. WE'VE ADDED SOME RENT SUBSIDIES PRIMARILY FOCUSING ON THE PASSAGES PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES COMING OUT OF HOME OWNERSHIP FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING. SO THAT'S THE HOUSING TRUST FUND. AND THEN A LITTLE BIT IN OUR MATERIALS REBATE PROGRAM, BUT A SMALL AMOUNT. THE BULK OF THE MATTER SMART HOUSING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, WHICH IS WHERE THE BULK OF THE TAX FINANCING COMES FROM THAT PROPERTIES THAT THE CITY OWNED PRIOR TO 1977 HAS GONE INTO THREE MAJOR CATEGORIES. ONE IS TO CONTINUE TO PAY THE DEBT SERVICE TO AUSTIN ENERGY ON THE REPAYMENT OF THE NOTE THAT HELPED US TO ACQUIRE COLONY PARK. AND WE'RE IN THE NEXT TO LAST YEAR OF PAYING THAT. THAT'S ABOUT \$250,000 THIS YEAR. ABOUT \$500,000 GOES TO SUPPORT THE -- WHAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SUCCESS OF THE SMART HOUSING INITIATIVE, WHICH IS THE SMART HOUSING REVIEW TEAM THAT'S ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE WATERSHED PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OFFICE UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF JAVIER DELGADO AND BILL AND TAMMY AND ALL THE FOLKS AT WATERSHED. AND FINALLY, THE 830,000-DOLLAR BALANCE GOES INTO FUNDING THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. OF WHICH IS THE MOST FLEXIBLE DOLLARS WE HAVE TO SUPPORT HOME OWNERSHIP. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE'RE WORKING OBVIOUSLY IN THE CPNR ZONE, WE ALSO HAVE THE FUNDS FOR THE HOLLY GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM AND ONE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AUSTIN ENERGY'S HOLLY MITIGATION MONEY AND OUR NONPROFITS. AND IT IS IMPORTANT, AND I'LL SAY MORE ABOUT THAT THIS AFTERNOON, BUT THE NONPROFIT PIPS THAT WE HAVE WITH THE -- PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE HAVE WITH A VARIETY OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, BLACK LANDS, WE'RE WORKING ON BLACKSHEAR AS WELL, THE AUSTIN

REVITALIZATION AUTHORITY ALLOW US TO DO SOME DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES INFILL, SOME OF WHICH WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN THE CPNR ZONE AS WELL. SO THOSE ARE HOW THE DOLLARS ARE BROKEN OUT. ESSENTIALLY IT'S ALMOST AN EQUAL BASIS, EQUIVALENT AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP IF YOU LOOK AT THOSE DOLLARS BASED UPON THOSE ALLOCATIONS. AND SO THAT'S -- I HOPE THAT'S RESPONSIVE TO YOUR QUESTION.

Alvarez: I THINK YOU MENTIONED 850,000 TO GO TO THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT, AND SO -- I KNOW THERE'S BEEN TALK IN THE PAST ABOUT THIS PROGRAM IN MONTOPOLIS.

ACTUALLY, THAT \$800,000 IS ACTUALLY PRETTY MUCH EARMARKED TO SUPPORT THE 70 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO GO FORWARD WITH IN MONTOPOLIS. YOU RECALL WE HAD LOOKED AT A SUBDIVISION IN MONTOPOLIS AND THE NUMBERS DIDN'T QUITE WORK OUT THE WAY THAT THE DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE WAS GOING TO BE TO COSTLY TO MAKE IT REALLY AFFORDABLE. SO WHAT WE HAVE DONE WITH LAND THAT THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION OWNED, WE HAVE BEEN SPENDING ABOUT \$840,000, PLUS ANOTHER 1.2 MILLION IN THE MONTOPOLIS AREA. NOW, SOME OF THAT MONEY WILL OBVIOUSLY GET BACK WHEN THE DEVELOPMENT IS DONE AND WE SELL THE HOUSES, BUT TO SUPPORT THE AFFORDABILITY IN THE MONTOPOLIS AREA. SO WHAT YOU'LL SEE PRIMARILY, OF THE BULK OF THE MONEY IN THAT \$830,000 IN THE SMART HOUSING CIP FOR THIS NEXT YEAR WILL BE GOING TO SUPPORT THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTOPOLIS.

Alvarez: AND THAT IS ACTUALLY -- YOU SAID 70 UNITS?

YES, SIR.

Alvarez: THAT WOULD BE PART OF THAT SUBDIVISION?

YES, SIR.

Alvarez: ARE WE TRYING TO TARGET ALL OF THOSE UNITS TO

BE AFFORDABLE?

ALL OF THEM TO BE AT LEAST 80% OR BELOW AND WE'RE WORKING TO TRY TO GET THEM 65% OR BELOW. AND WE'VE ALREADY TALKED TO SOME OF OUR NONPROFITS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON SOME OF THOSE LOTS. OUR JOB WILL BE TO PROVIDE THE LOTS. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN MAINTAIN THE VEVMNTDS. ONE OF THE OTHER STRATEGIES WE'VE HEARD ABOUT IS HOW WE PROTECT THE INVESTMENT ON THE AFFORDABILITY FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME. AND BY US OWNING THE LAND AND HOLDING THE COSTS IN A RETAIL AGREEMENT WITH THE FAMILIES IN A SOFT SECOND RESTRICTIVE SALES, THOSE KINDS OF THINGS ARE WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT TO PROTECT THOSE INVESTMENTS. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT MAKING THEM AFFORDABLE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT AS WELL. THEY MAY NOT BE NET ZERO EFFICIENCY, BUT WE WILL BE WORKING WITH AUSTIN ENERGY.

Alvarez: BUT IT WILL STILL BE AN ASPECT IN TERMS OF IMPROVING OR MAXIMIZING ENERGY EFFICIENCY?

YES. AND ALL OF OUR SMART HOUSING PROGRAMS, HOUSES ARE AT LEAST LEVEL ONE GREEN BUILDING, BUT WE ARE CONTINUING TO STRIVE FOR LEVEL THREE AND FOUR WHEN WE CAN GET IT.

Alvarez: SO THAT'S STILL SOMETHING WE'RE LOOKING AT IN TERMS OF --

THAT'S CORRECT.

Alvarez: -- OF HOW IT COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT. I THINK THIS OBJECT OBVIOUSLY IS VERY MUCH FOCUSED ON HOME OWNERSHIP AND IT ACTUALLY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE CPNR ZONE THAT WAS DESIGNATED BY COUNCIL JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO.

THAT'S CORRECT. AND ALSO IN RESPONSE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S CONCERNS ABOUT SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING, YOU HAVE SOME OTHER HIGHER COST SINGLE-FAMILY GETTING READY TO GO IN. SO WE THINK IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US. AND FOR THE RESIDENTS OF

MONTOPOLIS.

Alvarez: THANK YOU. AND I HAD ASKED A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 10-YEAR PLAN TO ADDRESS CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE I KNOW IN THE LAST YEAR, MAYBE MORE THAN A YEAR THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS PUT FORWARD VERY BROAD COMMUNITY-BASED EFFORT TO DEVELOP THAT PLAN, OF WHICH YOUR DEPARTMENT AND OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS ALSO PARTICIPATED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK AND ALL THE VARIOUS STAKE STAKEHOLDERS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH THE TASKFORCE, AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE INTERESTED IN THOSE TYPE OF ISSUES. AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S SPECIFIC ACTIONS OUTLINED FOR EACH YEAR, THAT 10-YEAR PLAN. AND I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD SPEAK TO HOW OUR CONSOLIDATED PLAN MAYBE HAS FACTORED INTO SOME OF THOSE NEEDS AND CONCERNS.

YES, SIR, I WILL. THERE'S A COUPLE OF WAYS IN WHICH THEY ARE. AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. ONE, PRIMARILY THE SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH THE -- TO THE HOMELESS IN THIS COMMUNITY ARE ADMINISTERED OR AT LEAST THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THAT FOR THE CITY IS APPROPRIATELY THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THEY DO A FABULOUS JOB IN HELPING TO ADMINISTER THE CONTRACT WITH THE FRONT STAFF, THE DOWNTOWN HOMELESS SHELTER, AND YOU WILL HEAR PRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE GREAT WORK THAT THOSE FOLKS ARE DOING AND THE INCREASING INVESTMENTS WE'RE LOOKING AT TO SUPPORT THAT. I THINK WHAT YOU'LL SEE FROM THE FEDERALLY -- A HIGH PRIORITY OF THIS ADMINISTRATION IS THIS 10-YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. THE MAJOR PORTION OF OUR INITIATIVE IN THIS -- IF YOU COULD POINT TO ONE SPECIFIC ACTIVITY THAT WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT THAT SUPPORTS THIS, ONE OF THE MAJOR EFFORTS WITH ALL HOMELESS PROGRAMS AND WHAT H.U.D. IS LOOKING FOR IS MORE PERMANENT HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS THAT OBVIOUSLY -- IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE TO SAY THAT HOUSING IS A BIG SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS. AND YOU'VE GOT TO FIND HOUSING THAT'S

AFFORDABLE. AND AGAIN, WHAT WE'VE SEEN IS THE SUCCESS WITH GARDEN TERRACE THAT WE HAD THE 85-BED FACILITY AT GARDEN TERRACE HAS PROVEN VERY, VERY HELPFUL. AND TO HAVE ANOTHER 140 PLUS SINGLE HOME OCCUPANCIES IN AN AREA RUN BY FOUNDATIONS COMMUNITIES IS I WOULD THINK THE TWO MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE'RE PROPOSING. AND AGAIN, THEY'VE GOT TO FINISH ALL THE PROPOSALS AND THE APPLICATIONS, SO IT'S NOT A DONE DEAL AND WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO APPROVE THAT DEAL YET, BUT WE ANTICIPATE BRINGING THAT DEAL BACK TO THIS COUNCIL AND THE AGENCY BOARD TO APPROVE -- APPROVE THAT INVESTMENT TO SUPPORT THOSE UNITS. I THINK IF YOU COULD POINT TO ONE PARTICULAR INVESTMENT, THAT WOULD BE THE ONE THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR THIS NEXT YEAR, WHICH FOLLOWS ALONG WITH THE PLAN WHICH IS TO INCREASE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I THINK IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE TO FIND WAYS TO ADDRESS ELDERLY, SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING. WE HAVE AN ITEM BEFORE THE FINANCE CORPORATION THIS AFTERNOON WITH SOME OTHER ELDERLY HOUSING THAT WE GET A CHANCE TO SUPPORT WHAT WE DO AT OAK SPRINGS VILLAS. WHAT WE'VE DONE AT LIONS GARDENS ARE HELPING PEOPLE AT 30% OR BELOW MEDIAN INCOME GET QUALITY HOUSING. ALL OF THOSE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE EFFORT TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS, BUT I DO THINK BY SPECIFICALLY FOCUSING ON THIS SSRO WITH THIS BASICALLY TWO-MILLION-DOLLAR REQUEST THAT THAT'S A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN THIS PLAN THAT'S DOING THE CONTINUING SUPPORT THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WITH THE 10-YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS.

Alvarez: I AGREE. I THINK THAT THAT'S ACTUALLY YEAR FIVE AND BEYOND I THINK IN THE PLAN, THE NEED OBVIOUSLY TO HAVE A MORE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, WHETHER IT BE SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY OR WHAT THEY'VE TALKED ABOUT AS RAPID HOUSING.

THAT'S CORRECT, RAPID HOUSING PROGRAM AS WELL. >>

ALVAREZ: AND WOULD THAT FIT INTO THAT AS WELL OR IS

THAT A DIFFERENT CONCEPT?

I'M HOPING THAT AS WE DEVELOP -- WE HAVE A GREAT NETWORK OF GREAT PROVIDERS IN THIS COMMUNITY. WE HAVE VERY DEDICATED NONPROFITS, AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE ENERGY OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED, THE ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED AND THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FINDING WAYS TO HAVE RAPID HOUSING THERE AND EVEN WITH OUR NONPROFITS LIKE BLACK LANDS COMMUNITIES WHICH HOUSE HOMELESS FOLKS IN THEIR OWN -- IN THEIR PROPERTIES AND THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS TO BE ABLE TO FIND WAYS TO CONNECT THEM AND TO SEND THEM TO PLACES SO THEY CAN HAVE THOSE AVAILABLE UNITS IS ALL PART OF THE PROCESS.

Alvarez: I THINK THAT'S A VERY EXCITING PROPOSITION, AND WE CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THAT WILL COME TO FRUITION, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE AND I'M JUST GLAD THAT THE CITY IS COMMITTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD SOME GREAT SUCCESS WITH GARDEN TERRACE WORKING WITH FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES IN PARTICULAR AND THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY AN IMPORTANT PLAYER IN THIS NEXT OPPORTUNITY THAT HAS ARISEN. AND LIKE I SAID, I THINK -- IN TERMS OF THE ACTION ITEMS IN THE 10-YEAR PLAN THAT PROBABLY IS THE MOST CHALLENGING I WOULD SAY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL -- IDENTIFYING SITES AND DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL SRO OPPORTUNITIES ARE PROBABLY THE MOST CHALLENGING BECAUSE THEY'RE THE MOST COSTLY. SO I THINK THAT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN TERMS OF OUR ABILITY TO MEET THE GOALS IN THAT PARTICULAR PLAN. SO THANK YOU FOR BEING INVOLVED AND COMMITTED ON THESE ISSUES AS WELL, AND ALSO TO OUR -- I SEE DAVID AND VINCE FROM OUR HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SO THEY'RE VERY INSTRUMENTAL ON THESE ISSUES RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS AS WELL. AND FINALLY I JUST WANTED TO JUST KIND OF HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR SECTION 108 PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL MONIES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. AND I WANTED TO PUT THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CURRENT SECTION 108 OBLIGATIONS AND WHAT THOSE OBLIGATIONS OR HOW THOSE OBLIGATIONS LIMIT OUR

ABILITY TO USE OUR CDBG ALLOCATIONS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND HOW THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL WOULD FURTHER AFFECT OUR ANNUAL CDBG OBLIGATION AND HOW IT FITS INTO THE OVERALL PICTURE OF THESE OBLIGATIONS?

COUNCILMEMBER, I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT AND CLARIFY WHAT STAFF'S POSITION IS GOING TO BE WHEN WE BRING THIS FORWARD. OUR RECOMMENDATION FIRST OF ALL TO GET TO YOUR FIRST POINT OF WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF PREVIOUS SECTION 108 LOANS ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATION. WITH THE COMMUNICATING OF THE MILLENNIUM YOUTH CENTER AND THE DOWNTOWN HOMELESS SHELTER AS THE TWO PRIMARY FACILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN FUNDED WITH SECTION \$108, AND THE FUNDING OF THE 11th AND 12TH STREET REVITALIZATION EFFORTS AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE LOANS WITH THE AUSTIN REVITALIZATION AUTHORITY, ABOUT 20% OF OUR CDBG ALLOCATION IS GOING TO DEBT SERVICE. AND SO OUR RECOMMENDATION AND PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND TO THOSE APPLYING FOR THESE DOLLARS, WE DO HAVE, I THINK, THE NEED TO FIND ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT JOB CREATION AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS APPLYING FOR THOSE DOLLARS AND WE'RE WORKING WITH A LOT OF BUSINESSES TO GET THOSE DOLLARS OUT TO THEM. BUT ONE OF THE CRITERIA IS THAT WE CANNOT, WE THINK, GIVEN THE FUTURE UNCERTAINTY OF THE ALLOCATION OF CDBG, LOAN THOSE DOLLARS OUT ANY MORE TO THOSE WHO CANNOT HELP US REPAY THAT OURSELVES. SO ONE OF THE CONDITIONS OF THE LOANS THAT WE WILL BE IMPOSING IN THE GUIDELINES FOR THE NEW THREE MILLION DOLLARS IS WHATEVER PROPOSAL COMES FORWARD WE'LL HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE REPAYMENT OF THE DEBT SERVICE AS PART -- AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING THE LOAN. I WILL TELL YOU THAT THE NCNP PROGRAM HAS A VERY STRUCTURED -- WE ARE A LENDER, WE ARE A BANK, AND WE HAVE A LOAN COMMITTEE THAT WORKS VERY DILIGENTLY WITH GREAT DUE DILIGENCE TO REVIEW ALL OF THE

APPLICATIONS AND WORK WITH THE APPLICANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THEIR DEALS AREN'T WORKING IT'S NOT LIKE A SITUATION TO WHERE THEY JUST TURN THEM AWAY. THEY TURN THEM AWAY WITH THE STAFF TO GO WORK WITH THEM, TO GO REVISE THEIR PROPOSALS SO THAT WE CAN FUND THEM BECAUSE THAT'S OUR POSITION. BUT THE POINT THAT YOU MAKE OF WHAT LIABILITY WOULD THIS CREATE IF WE WERE TO GET THIS THREE MILLION DOLLARS, LET ME BE CLEAR. THIS THREE MILLION DOLLARS IS ESSENTIALLY A POOL OF FUNDS THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO US TO TAP IF WE DECIDE TO LOAN MONEY TO A SPECIFIC ENTITY. SO THE MONEY IS NOT LIKE IT'S THREE MILLION DOLLARS THAT COMES TO US IN AN ALLOCATION, IT IS A LOAN POOL. AND SO IT IS ONLY DRAWN DOWN WHEN WE ACTUALLY HAVE A BETTER DEAL THAT WE WANT TO FUND. AND SO IT'S NOT AS IF WE'RE JUST GETTING A THREE-MILLION-DOLLAR ALLOCATION THAT'S SITTING THERE AND WE HAVE TO SPEND IT BY A CERTAIN TIME. IF WE DON'T HAVE A DEAL THAT GETS FUNDED, THAT MONEY STAYS IN THE BANK IN WASHINGTON AND THERE'S NO INTEREST DRAWN DOWN ON THAT. SO I HOPE THAT ADDRESSES YOUR QUESTION. I THINK THAT'S A VERY VALID CONCERN AND ONE THAT'S CAUSED US TO SAY AS THE STAFF TO RECOMMEND THAT WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT THESE DEALS, THE DEALS NEED TO CASH FLOW IN A WAY THAT PAYS BACK THE DEBT SERVICE.

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Alvarez: SO THE IDEA IN THIS CASE WOULD BE THAT IF IT'S A LOAN PROGRAM, THEN THE PROCEEDS -- THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS FROM THOSE LOANS WOULD BE WHAT WOULD PROVIDE THE FUNDING TO PAY THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE SECTION 108 LOAN?

YES, SIR.

Alvarez: AND DO WE HAVE A LOT OF OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS? I KNOW ONE OF THOSE ISSUES IS -- AS I RECALL, THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM WILL RECALL WHEN WE FIRST CAME ON BOARD THERE WAS A PRETTY MODEST PROGRAM PROBABLY, NOT MUCH MORE THAN 500,000 OR LESS PROBABLY IN THE PROGRAM UNTIL WE DID A 2-MILLION-DOLLAR SECTION 108 TO FURTHER THAT PROGRAM. AND THAT'S BEEN LIKE TWO, THREE YEARS THAT

WE UNDERTOOK THAT SECTION 108 PROGRAM, AND I BELIEVE WE'RE NEARING THE END OF OUR AUTHORIZATION.

THAT'S ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.

Alvarez: -- OF THAT SECTION 108 LOAN.

WE DO HAVE --

Alvarez: I WAS JUST WONDERING IN TERMS OF OUR NEED TO DO ONE MILLION OR TWO MILLION --

WE DO HAVE THE DEMAND TO SUPPORT UP TO A THREE-MILLION-DOLLAR AUTHORIZATION OF THE LOAN POOL. AGAIN, WE DON'T HAVE A TIMING THAT WE HAVE TO SPEND THAT THREE MILLION BY THAT WE LOSE IT. WE'RE GOING TO ENHANCE THE LOAN PROGRAM BY A THREE-MILLION-DOLLAR ACCOUNT. AND AGAIN, REMINDING THAT THOSE MONIES THAT WE'RE PAYING OUT ARE LOANS. IT'S NOT -- THAT MONEY THAT WE'VE LOANED IN THE TWO MILLION DOLLARS THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT WE'RE GOING TO BE GETTING PROCEEDS BACK INTO THAT. SO WE'RE HOPING THIS BECOMES A LOAN POOL AND AS PEOPLE PAY BACK MONEY THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES. BUT WE DO SEE THE DEMAND OUT THERE, COUNCILMEMBER, FOR THIS PROGRAM, AND WE ARE AGAIN CONSTANTLY WORKING WITH OUR LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO USE OUR MONEY TO LEVERAGE IT WITH OTHER COMMUNITY MINDED BANKS AND LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO PARTNER WITH THEM SO THAT WE'RE NOT USING ALL OF OUR DOLLARS IN A SPECIFIC PROGRAM THAT'S BASICALLY DESIGNED AS A 60/40 SPLIT ANYWAY. AND SO WE'RE REALLY A RISK MITIGATOR IS THE WAY THIS DOLLAR -- THESE DOLLARS ARE LOOKED AT. AND WE ENCOURAGE SMALL BUSINESSES AND LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO USE US.

Alvarez: WITH US BEING THE 40 OR THE 60?

US BEING HOPEFULLY THE 40. [LAUGHTER]

Alvarez: AND THEN THE NEED FOR THE THREE MILLION, I MEAN, IS THAT -- IS THERE A SPECIFIC RATIONALE FOR THAT NUMBER? LAST TIME WE DID TWO MILLION ALLOCATIONS, I

WAS WONDERING WHY WOULDN'T WE JUST -- IT'S KIND OF INCREMENTALLY TRY TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM INSTEAD OF SHOOTING FOR A PRETTY LARGE AND SUBSTANTIAL SUM?

TWO MILLION WENT PRETTY QUICKLY, WE THOUGHT. WE LOOKED AT THE DEMAND AND WE THINK THAT BASICALLY WE HAVE ENOUGH FOR ANOTHER COUPLE OF MILLION, BUT WE KNOW THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE THAN THAT COMING IN. AND THE DIFFICULTY OBVIOUSLY IN THE PROGRAM LIKE ANY LENDING POOL IS THE TRANSACTIONS THAT LOOK LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE ALL OF A SUDDEN DON'T HAPPEN FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS AND SO THEN ANOTHER ONE WILL COME IN AND YOU'LL FUND THAT ONE, AND WE WANT TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF A CUSHION. SO WE'RE THINKING THAT THE THREE-MILLION-DOLLAR APPROPRIATION WOULD BE A REASONABLE REQUEST BUYSSED UPON -- BASED UPON WHAT WE SEE THE NEEDS ARE IN THE FUTURE.

Alvarez: OKAY. I BELIEVE THAT'S IT REGARDING SECTION 108. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LAYING THAT OUT. I WOULD JUST POINT OUT THAT AT LEAST IN TERMS OF FACILITIES, THE SECTION 108 LOANS THAT WE HAVE CURRENTLY ARE FOR THE MILLENIUM YOUTH CENTER, A COUPLE OF 108 LOANS FOR 11th AND 12TH STREET, THE HOMELESS SHELTER, AS WELL AS I THINK WE HAVE A COUPLE OF RELATED LOANS RELATED TO THOSE. AND LIKE MR. HILGERS SAYS, THOSE ARE TYING UP ABOUT 20% OF OUR ANNUAL ALLOCATION, AND THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE VERY SELECTIVE ABOUT HOW WE USE THIS PARTICULAR TOOL. AND I GUESS JUST TO CLARIFY THAT THE IDEA HERE IS NOT TO NECESSARILY TIE UP ANY OF OUR ADDITIONAL ANNUAL ALLOCATION, BUT CREATE A REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM THAT BASICALLY FUNDS ITSELF AND DOESN'T -- DOESN'T TIE OUR HANDS IN THE FUTURE AS OUR FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON CONTINUE MAYBE TAKING SOME OF THAT FUNDING THAT HAS COME TO US, AND WE ALREADY SAW A SEVEN PERCENT DECREASE THIS YEAR IN CDBG FUNDING, AND SO IF -- IF THAT TREND CONTINUES, AND I KNOW OUR PRESIDENT IS SLATED TO REMAIN FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS OR SO, AND SO IF THAT TREND CONTINUES, WE WILL HAVE POTENTIALLY LESS RESOURCES TO WORK WITH, SO

MY LINE OF QUESTIONING WAS JUST -- IS TO TRY NOT TO TIE OUR HANDS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE I THINK THERE ARE OTHER FOLKS THAT ARE LOOKING TO TIE OUR HANDS FOR US IN OTHER WAYS. AND SO I APPRECIATE YOU LAYING THAT OUT AND EXPLAINING IT AND LETTING FOLKS KNOW THAT THIS IS A WAY REALLY JUST TO LEVERAGE RESOURCES AND MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE TODAY SOME FUNDS THAT CAN BE USED TO MAKE AN IMPACT TODAY AND HOPEFULLY THAT WITHOUT REALLY CREATING A HUGE OBLIGATION TO OUR CDBG PROGRAM. SO THANK YOU, MR. HILGERS. AND I HAD SOME QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE LAND TRUST, BUT I THINK THAT CAN WAIT PROBABLY TO THE AFTERNOON PRESENTATION. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBERCOUNCILMEMBERS FURTHER QUESTIONS OF MR. HILGERS? IF NOT, WE HAVE AN ITEM 13 UP.

MOTION.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY. ALL IN FAVOR? OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. THANK YOU, MR. HILGERS. COUNCIL, I THINK WE CAN GET THROUGH ANOTHER ONE OR TWO BEFORE OUR CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. ITEM 17 WAS PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ ON A CONTRACT WITH WALGREEN'S PHARMACY. I'LL RECOGNIZE COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ. OR COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: MY UNDERSTANDING IS WE'RE TRYING TO GET SOME ITEMS NEGOTIATED WITH WALGREEN'S ON PROTECTION OF CITIZENS TO OBTAIN PRESCRIPTIONS IN REGARDS TO PHARMACISTS. THOSE NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL GOING ON WITH WALGREEN'S AND I'VE BEEN INFORMED BY STAFF THAT THEY'RE NOT PREPARED TO BRING THAT FORWARD AT THIS TIME. IS THAT CORRECT?

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. THEN WE WILL CALL UP ITEM 17 AT SOME POINT LATER ON TODAY. THANK YOU ALL. ANY COMMENTS, COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, OR IS THAT OKAY? OKAY. SO COUNCIL, I HAD PULLED ITEM NUMBER 8, BUT WITHOUT OBJECTION, I WOULD LIKE TO HOLD OFF ON THAT

DISCUSSION UNTIL LATER IN THE DAY AS WELL. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, I THINK WE'VE NOW GONE THROUGH OUR POTENTIAL DISCUSSION ITEMS SO WITHOUT OBJECTION WE CAN GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR A FEW MINUTES BEFORE CITIZEN COMMUNICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO DISCUSS POTENTIALLY AGENDA ITEM 32 RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS. 33 RELATED TO CURB ISLAND STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON SHOAL CREEK BOULEVARD. 34, RELATED TO CITY OF AUSTIN VERSUS LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, 35 RELATED TO THE STATE OF TEXAS VERSUS JOHN CURRAN, III. WE MAY ALSO TAKE UP REAL ESTATE MATTERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072 RELATED TO ITEM NUMBER 37, SEALED BID RECEIVED REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A PROPERTY AT 1022 EAST 12TH STREET. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. I ANTICIPATE US BEING BACK OUT SHORTLY AFTER NOON TO TAKE UP GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: WE ARE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION, A LITTLE BIT LATE. IN CLOSED SESSION WE TOOK UP ITEM 32 RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH OUR FIREFIGHTERS. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. MS. BROWN, WE WILL NOT TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 34 TODAY AT ALL. THE QUORUM CALLED, WE WILL NOW GO TO THE 12:00 GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS MR. JIMMY CASTRO. WELCOME.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, MS. FUTRELL. I DO HAVE SOME SLIDES TO SHOW YOU THIS AFTERNOON. I'M HERE ON SPEAK ON MY OWN BEHALF. I'M ALSO ON THE BOARD MEMBER OF THE AUSTIN COUNCIL OF PTA'S. I'M HERE TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT MONDAY, AUGUST 16TH, MARKS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE 17,000 STUDENTS OF THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. THIS FIRST SLIDE SHOWS ALL THE PREPARATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN UNDER WAY FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, AUGUST THE 16TH. THERE'S BEEN TEACHER TRAINING THIS SUMMER, IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS OF THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY FOR THE 500 NEW TEACHERS OF THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE EMPLOYEES

HAVE BEEN HELPING WITH PREREGISTRATION. THE CLASSIFIED WORKERS HAVE BEEN MAKING SURE ALL THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AND BUSES ARE READY TO ROLL. AND THE TEACHERS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON ALL THE DECORATIONS IN THE CLASSROOMS IN WHICH THE TEACHERS HAVE PAID FOR WITH THEIR OWN MONEY. ALL DRIVERS NEED TO REMEMBER THE SPEED IN THE SCHOOL ZONES IS 20 MILES PER HOUR. AND FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE SCHOOL ZONE SPEED MAY RESULT UP TO A 250-DOLLAR FINE. ALL DRIVERS NEED TO REMEMBER THE SCHOOL BUS LAW, WHICH STATES TO STOP SCHOOL BUSES ARE LOADING AND UNLOADING STUDENTS AND FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE SCHOOL BUS LAW MAY RESULT IN UP TO A 1,000-DOLLAR FINE. AMONG THE MOST OBVIOUS BUT OFTEN FORGOTTEN ITEMS ON THE BACK TO SCHOOL LIST IS MAKING SURE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATIONS ARE UP TO DATE. THE AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMBINED WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS OFFERING THE SHOTS FOR TOTS PROGRAM, KEEPING IN MIND SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED BACK TO SCHOOL IF THEY'VE NOT HAD THEIR SHOTS. FINALLY, ANOTHER ANNUAL EVENT IS THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT 60 MARCHING BAND JAMBOREE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE BURGER CENTER. ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL INCLUDE THE ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND DRILL TEAM. FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN ALL THE BAND PARENTS IN ATTENDING THIS AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT EVENT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SOME OF THE TOP RATED BANDS STATEWIDE. THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. CASTRO. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS PAUL ROBBINS. HE SIGNED UP -- WE'LL HOLD HIS SPOT. MR. PAT PAT JOHNSON WAS NEXT, BUT HE HAD TO LEAVE FOR AN EMERGENCY. AND THEN MICHELLE HUANG. I'M SORRY IF I'M MISPRONOUNCING THAT. WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CLINT SMITH.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. A FEW OF YOU MAY STILL REMEMBER ME FROM MY PREVIOUS VISIT THANKING YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF FALUM GONG IN AUSTIN. FALUM GONG IS A

TRADITIONAL CHINESE PRACTICE WHICH COMBINES MEDICATION EXERCISES AND SPIRITUAL CULTIVATION WITH THE VALUES OF TRUTH, COMPASSION AND TOLERANCE. ITS POPULARITY HAS NOW SPREAD ACROSS 70 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD; HOWEVER, THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH I WILL REFER TO AS THE CCP FROM NOW ON, HAS BEEN BRUTALLY PERCENT CUTTING FALUM GONG PRACTITIONERS FOR THE SIX YEARS WITHOUT ANY RATIONAL EXPLANATION. I'M HERE TODAY TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT MOUNTING EVIDENCE HAS SURFACED ABOUT THE CCP'S EXTENSION OF THE PERSECUTION OVERSEAS INCLUDING THE U.S. RECENT CHINESE DEFECTORS IN CANADA HAVE REVEALED A MASSIVE CHINESE SPYING NETWORK THAT HAS PENETRATED MANY WESTERN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S. JUST TWO WEEKS AGO CONGRESSMAN HENRY HYDE INVITED FORMER CHINESE DIPLOMAT TO TESTIFY BEFORE A U.S. CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE. MR. CHIN REVEALED THAT HIS JOB AT THE CONSULATE IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS WAS TO MONITOR AND PERCENT CUTE FALUM GONG PRACTITIONERS. HE SAID AS FAR AS I KNOW, CCP HAS SIMILAR THINGS IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THE FALUM GONG IS ACTIVE. I KNOW THERE ARE MORE THAN A THOUSAND SPIES AND INFORMANTS IN AUSTRALIA AND THE NUMBER IN THE U.S. SHOULD BE EVEN HIGHER. MR. CHIN ALSO SAID THAT CHINESE DIPLOMATS ARE ORDERED TO DISTRIBUTE ANTI-FALUM GONG BOOKLETS AND PRESSURE ENTERPRISES SCHOOLS AND MEDIA TO SUPPRESS FALUM GONG. HIS CLAIMS ARE BACKED BY TWO OTHER DEFECTORS, A FORMER SPECIAL AGENT FOR CHINESE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU, AND A FORMER CHIEF WITH THE JUSTICE BUREAU IN A PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO HIM, CHINESE SPIES COLLECT INTELLIGENCE IN A NUMBER OF WAYS, INCLUDING EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES. , REPORTERS FROM STATE RUN MEDIA, VISITING SCHOLARS, VISITING EXPERTS AND VISITING DELEGATIONS. TO END, I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE EACH OF YOU WITH A COPY OF A BOOK CALLED THE NINE COMMENTARIES ON THE COMMUNIST PARTY. SINCE ITS PUBLICATION LAST NOVEMBER IT HAS TRIGGERED OVER 3.4 MILLION RESIGNATIONS FROM THE CCP. IT HAS AWAKENED THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND REMINDED US ALL OF THE INNOCENT

CHINESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PARISHED FROM UNNATURAL CAUSES SINCE THE CCP CAME INTO RULE OVER 50 YEARS AGO. MANY ARE CALLING THIS BOOK A BOOK THAT IS DISINTEGRATING THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MICHELLE. MR. SMITH, WELCOME, SIR.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, I'M CLINT SMITH, GRAY PANTHERS OF AUSTIN. I PARTICULARLY WANT TO SAY HOW HAPPY WE ARE TO BE REPRESENTED HERE AGAIN AND TO WELCOME THE NEW MEMBERS, COUNCILMEMBER KIM AND LEFFINGWELL AND CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY. FIRST OFF I WOULD LIKE TO -- I PREPARED SOME MATERIAL WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS IN FRONT OF YOU NOW AND IT WILL SAVE YOUR TIME, AND I JUST WANT TO MOVE THROUGH THAT QUICKLY. FIRST OFF, THOUGH, I DO WANT TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF TO OUR GRAY PANTHER ANNUAL MEETING ON AUGUST 28TH. IT'S AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL. WHEN YOU GET TO THE POINT WHERE YOU'VE LOST MOST OF YOUR TEETH AT LEAST YOU CAN STILL GUM ICE CREAM. YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN US. WE THINK WE'LL HAVE A GOOD TURN OUT. FIRST OFF, MAYOR, THIS LETTER IS ADDRESSED TO YOU. THIS IS FROM '03. THIS IS ABOUT THE BUDGET, OF COURSE. AND IT'S ALMOST A SNAPSHOT OF WHERE WE WERE IN -- WHERE WE WERE AND ARE NOW EXCEPT WE ARE IN MUCH BETTER SHAPE EXCEPT FOR TAX RECEIPTS. I THINK YOU KNOW BETTER THAN WE DO. BUT IT REFLECT OUR WILLINGNESS AND APPRECIATION FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AND ARE DOING AND WHAT THE STAFF'S BEEN ENGAGED IN AS FAR AS BUDGET IS CONCERNED. AND ALSO OUR OFFER TO HELP IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN AS FAR AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IN MOVING AHEAD. THE SECOND LETTER THERE IS ONE OF COURSE AT THE END OF THAT BUDGET PERIOD BACK IN '03. THEN THE STATEMENT WHICH IS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME FROM -- THIS IS ABOUT HUMAN SERVICES AND WHERE WE STAND, AND THERE WILL BE PEOPLE TALKING WITH YOU TODAY IN MORE SPECIFICS ABOUT THIS. OUR CONCERN AS FAR AS GRAY PANTHERS BASICALLY IS PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST, SUPPORTING YOU IN

YOUR EFFORTS AS YOU'VE ALREADY PUBLICLY SAID AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THAT PORTION OF THE BUDGET DEVOTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND PARTICULARLY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHOULD BE INCREASED, AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. THERE'S ALSO A STATEMENT HERE FROM THE AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS TOGETHER POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE AS IT EXISTED AT THAT TIME, WHICH REFLECTS, I BELIEVE, STILL HOW PEOPLE AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOODS FEEL. AND FINALLY, WHAT WE HAVE STRONGLY FELT, AND I THINK WE HAVE TALKED INDIVIDUALLY WITH MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OVER THE YEARS NOW ABOUT THIS EQUITY COMMISSION REPORT, AND PERHAPS THE NEED TO LOOK AT IT, TO UPDATE IT, SEE HOW THAT MIGHT FIT NOW ALONG THE LINES OF THE CURRENT CONCERNS AND ABOUT DIVERSITY. THE CITY OF AUSTIN BROUGHT THAT REPORT, AND AS CHAIRMAN MARSHAL SAID AT THAT TIME, IN SOME CASES IT MAY BE A MATTER OF NEEDING MORE WILL THAN WALLET. THERE'S ALWAYS THE NEED FOR RESOURCES, BUT DOES IT MEAN THE POLITICAL WILL IS IMPORTANT, BUT WE HOPE TO SUPPORT YOU IN ANY WAY THERE. FINALLY, AS FAR AS I'M AWARE, MR. PRO TEM, I'M STILL ON YOUR PUBLIC SAFETY TASKFORCE, PROUDLY SERVING AND GLAD TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN BY WAY OF SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT OF BALANCE. AND I GUESS THERE'S NOBODY ON THE COUNCIL NOW WHO IS A MEMBER AT THE TIME THAT I CAME OR SOME OF US CAME BEFORE THE COUNCIL IN '99 TO TALK ABOUT POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS. SO I DID INCLUDE A COPY OF MY TESTIMONY AT THAT TIME BECAUSE I THINK AT LEAST TO ME IT'S KIND OF INSTRUCTIVE AND OFFERS US SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO THINK ABOUT WHERE WE WANT TO GO TOGETHER. FINALLY, IT'S -- (BEEP). MY TIME HAS RUN OUT, BUT A COPY OF A STATEMENT FROM THE FORMER AUSTIN POLICE COMMISSIONER ALONG THESE LINES. IF WE REALLY WANT TO DO SOMETHING SERIOUSLY ABOUT CRIME AND THE ROOTS OF TERRORISM AND SO ON, THERE'S A VERY STRONG BELIEF THAT WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ROOT CAUSES, WHICH IS WHAT WE SAID IN THE EQUITY COMMISSION REPORT. BAD SCHOOLS, HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOODS, GIVE PEOPLE HOPE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >>

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. SMITH. TORSTEN TREY.
WELCOME. YOU WILL BE OUR FINAL SPEAKER AND YOU WILL
HAVE THREE MINUTES.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE
COUNCIL. AS A MEDICAL DOCTOR I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO INTERVIEW FALUM GONG PRACTITIONERS WHO
REPORTED ABOUT HEALTH BENEFITS, MANY DISEASES
DIMINISH AFTER PRACTICING FALUM GONG. NOT ONLY THE
HEALTH IMPROVE, BUT (INDISCERNIBLE). THE CONGRESS
EXPRESSED REPEATEDLY THE SUPPORT OF FALUM GONG.
LAST OCTOBER THE RESOLUTION 304 WAS OJING THE
BENEFITS OF FALUM GONG AND TO STOP THE CHINESE
GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO STOP THE PRACTICE OF FALUM
GONG WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. ACCORDING TO THE
RESOLUTION 304, OFFICIALS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
SHOULD RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT FALUM GONG AND
REPORT INCIDENTS OF PRESSURE OR HARASSMENT BY
AGENTS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA BY
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND
THE UNITED STATES. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOU
INCIDENTS BEGINS FALUM GONG IN AUSTIN. LAST APRIL AN
INFLUENTIAL CHINESE AGENT WHO CAME TO SERVE AS AN
ASIAN COMMUNITY LEADER IN AUSTIN AND WHOM YOU
MIGHT KNOW IN PERSON BECAME A FALUM GONG
PRACTITIONER BY ADDRESSING A COMPLAINT TO THE PRAK
TICKNER'S -- PRACTITIONER'S EMPLOYER. THIS WAS A
STAGED LIE. THIS CHINESE AGENT RECEIVED ONLY A
BUSINESS CARD, BUT NOT A FALUM GONG FLYER. IN THE
PAST THERE WERE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ASIAN
COMMUNITY IN AUSTIN WHO SUFFERED FROM SIMILAR
THINGS AS WELL. THE FORTFIDE COMPLAINT CAUSED
SEVERE DAMAGE TO THIS FALUM GONG PRACTITIONER. AS
THE SOLE BREADWINNER OF THE FAMILY, THE
PRACTITIONER HAS BEEN THREATENED WITH TERMINATION
OF EMPLOYMENT. THE EMPLOYER DIDN'T REALIZE THAT IT
WAS MISLED BY AN INTENDED COMPLAINT AGAINST FALUM
GONG. FROM ANOTHER ANGLE THIS CHINESE AGENT
MISUSED THE COMPANY TO HARASS THE FALUM GONG
PRACTITIONER. IN JANUARY, AUSTIN HOSTED AN ART
EXHIBITION OF CHINESE MODERN PINTINGS. THE EXHIBITION
WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED IN THE COMMUNITY. DARYL

SLUSHER PERSONALLY ATTENDED THE OPENING RECEPTION. ART SEMINARS WERE HAD AT DIFFERENT COMMUNITY AND COMPANIES. TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVES PASSED A RESOLUTION IN HONOR THF EXHIBITION. HOWEVER, IN ONE LOCAL CORPORATION, CHINESE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CLOSE TO THE CHINESE CONSULATE IN AUSTIN INFLUENCED THE MANAGEMENT TO CANCEL AN EXHIBITION INSIDE THE COMPANY. MANY EMPLOYEES OF THE COMPANY PLANNED TO ATTEND THE EXHIBITION AND WERE DISAPPOINTED ABOUT THE CANCELLATION. THE INFLUENCING CHINESE AGENT HARASSED FALUM GONG AND MISLED THE COMPANY BY CLAIMING THAT THE EXHIBITION OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE ART WOULD IMPACT FUTURE BUSINESS WITH CHINA. ON FEBRUARY 23rd, THERE WERE FALUM GONG PRACTITIONERS IN AUSTIN REPEATEDLY RECEIVED HARASSMENT PHONE CALLS IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE. THE INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED TO THE POLICE. AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR SAID, INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS THE THREAT OF JUSTICE EVERYWHERE. AS A MEDICAL DOCTOR I DESCRIBED THE HARASSMENT AS A TUMOR. IF WE DON'T STOP IT, IT WILL ONLY GROW. YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS REQUESTED. PLEASE PROTECT THE BASIC FREEDOM OF AUSTINITES TO CHOOSE AND PRACTICE THEIR FAITH WITHOUT SUFFERING FROM HARASSMENT. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. TREY. COUNCIL, MR. ROBBINS HAS JOINED US. WELCOME, PAUL. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES.

I'M SORRY. MAYOR AND COUNCIL, MY NAME IS PAUL ROB ROBBINS, I'M AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST AND CONSUMER ADVOCATE AND I'M HERE TODAY AGAIN TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION FROM THE LAST CITY COUNCIL MEETING ABOUT THE OPERATIONS OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE. THIS IS THE MAIN GAS COMPANY THAT OPERATES IN THE AUSTIN AREA. THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS THE PRIMARY REGULATOR OF THIS UTILITY. IN THE LAST MEETING I ESTIMATED THAT THE GAS COMPANY HAD SHORTED THE CITY OF AUSTIN ABOUT \$3 MILLION A YEAR IN RECENT HISTORY FROM A LOOPHOLE IN THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT THAT DOES NOT COLLECT FRANCHISE FEES FROM GAS UNDER TRANSPORT CONTRACTS WITH LARGE COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS. THIS IS

FUEL OFF THE BOOKS. URGE YOU TO HAVE AON ON THIS DURINGNS. THIS WILL ALLOW YOU TO QUESTION THE GAS COMPANY DIRECTLY ABOUT WHAT THEY PLAN TO DO TO REMEDIATE THIS SITUATION IN THE COMING BUDGET YEAR. AS I REMIND YOU THAT TEXAS GAS SERVICE FRANCHISE EXPIRES INNNNN NOVEMBER OF 2006 AND THE CITY IS IN A POSITION TO BARGAIN. AND THERE ARE OTHER PROBLEMS THAT NEED TO BE LOOKED AT IN THE UPCOMING PRACTICE RENEGOTIATIONS. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT IS THE COMPANY'S COST OF FUEL. IN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR I RECEIVED AN OUTRAGEOUSLY HIGH BILL DUE TO FALL COST. I WAS YOU'RE CURIOUS AND DID AN ANALYSIS WITH PUBLIC DATA SHOWING OVER A SIX-MONTH PERIOD FROM JUNE 2004 TO NOVEMBER OF 2004 TEXAS GAS SERVICE GAS COST WERE 18 PERCENT HIGHER THAN AUSTIN ENERGY'S GAS COSTS. I KNOW THIS WILL SURPRISE AUSTIN ENERGY TO FIND THAT I'M SAYING SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT THEM, BUT THEY ACTUALLY HAVE LOWER FUEL COSTS. I HAVE HEARD NOTHING TO INDICATE WHAT THE COMPANY -- WHAT TEXAS GAS SERVICE IS PLANNING ON DOING TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THE LACK OF FUNDING FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS. DUE TO PUBLIC PRESSURE IN THE 1980'S, TEXAS GAS SERVICE FUNDED ONE OF THE ONLY GAS UTILITY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY. BUT THE FUNDING AND THE PROGRESS IS MINIMAL. PART OF THE REASON IS THAT LIKE THE FRANCHISE FEE, TRANSPORT GAS IS EXEMPT FROM -- TRANSPORT GAS IS EXEMPT FROM COMMERCIAL -- TRANSPORT GAS IS EXEMPT FROM CONSERVATION SURCHARGES. SO THE PROGRAM DOES NOT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, SERVE LARGE COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS. AGAIN, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE FRANCHISE RENEGOTIATIONS. AND I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH ONE FINAL THOUGHT. THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO RENEW THIS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. IN FACT, THE CITY SHOULD AT LEAST INVESTIGATE WHETHER IT MAKES SENSE TO BUY THE COMPANY WHEN THEIR FRANCHISE IS UP. (BEEP) IT MIGHT BE A NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND FUNCTION SUCH AS FUEL SERVICES AND BILLING MIGHT BE COMBINED FOR BETTER EFFICIENCY TO LOWER BILLS.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. ROBBINS. COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL THE CITIZENS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP WISHING TO ADDRESS US FOR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL GO BACK INTO CLOSED SESSION, CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION. EARLIER WE HAD ENDED OUR DISCUSSION ON ITEM 32 RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH OUR FIREFIGHTERS. WE STILL WILL TAKE UP ITEM 33 RELATED TO SHOAL CREEK BOULEVARD. AND ITEM 35 RELATED TO THE STATE OF TEXAS VERSUS JOHN FRANCIS CURRAN THE THIRD AND WE MAY ALSO TACK TAKE UP A REAL ESTATE MATTER, ITEM 37 RELATED TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1022 EAST 12TH STREET. AND IN ADDITION, WE MAY TAKE UP PRIVATE CONSULTATION WITH OUR ON ITEM 36, THE JOSIE ELLEN CHAMPION, ET AL, VERSUS THE CITY OF AUSTIN LAWSUIT. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: IN CLOSED SESSION WE TOOK UP ITEMS 33, 35 AND 36. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. WE ALSO HAD A REAL ESTATE ITEM, ITEM NUMBER 37. AGAIN, NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. WE NOW GET BACK ON OUR AGENDA. WE HAVE 2:00 O'CLOCK WE HAVE TWO POSTED ITEMS, THE FIRST ITEM NUMBER 39 RELATED TO BOND SALES. AND I'LL WELCOME MR. BILL NEWMAN.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, I'M BILL NEWMAN WITH PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGE. WE SERVE AS PUBLIC ADVISOR TO THE CITY. I'M HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT A TRANSACTION THAT YOU ACTUALLY AUTHORIZED A YEAR AGO IN JULY OF LAST YEAR. THAT TRANSACTION WAS TO DO A REFUNDING OF A HARJ PORTION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS. THE TRANSACTION THAT WE HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY IS A 36,225,000 AIRPORT SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BOND. IT WILL BE REFUNDING THE SERIES 1995-A AND 1995-B BONDS THAT ARE CALLABLE IN NOVEMBER THE 15TH OF 2005. LAST YEAR WHEN WE BROUGHT YOU THIS TRANSACTION, WE MENTIONED WE WERE GOING TO ENTER INTO A SWAP TRANSACTION WITH MORGAN STANLEY. HERE TODAY REPRESENTING MORGAN STANLEY IS DAVID POTTER AND ALSO SOMEONE FROM VIN SON AND HE WILL KINS IS HERE AS WELL. THIS

TRANSACTION WE'LL BE IMPLEMENTING IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL BE SELLING THE BONDS AND WILL RESULT IN A 36,044,000-DOLLAR SAVINGS TO THE AIRPORT SYSTEM. THAT'S APPROXIMATELY \$2.8 MILLION A YEAR. THAT'S A 12.48% PRESENT VALUE SAVINGS. MAYOR AND COUNCIL, AS YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE IMPLEMENTED FINANCIAL POLICIES ON REFUNDING TRANSACTIONS LIKE THIS. THIS TRANSACTION, THE SAVINGS LEVEL FALLS FAR ABOVE THOSE STANDARDS THAT YOU HAVE SET AS MINIMUMS FOR REFUNDING TRANSACTIONS FOR A TRANSACTION LIKE THIS. IN FACT, LAST YEAR WHEN WE BROUGHT THIS TRANSACTION TO YOU, WE THOUGHT THE SAVINGS WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT LOWER AND SURE ENOUGH IT WENT UP AN ADDITIONAL 800,000 SINCE THE TIME WE BROUGHT IT TO YOU FIRSTHAND. IN ANY EVENT, IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I WOULD JUST RECOMMEND APPROVAL AND CONGRATULATIONS AT THE SAME TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. NEWMAN. QUESTIONS OF MR. NEWMAN, COUNCIL? IF NOT, I JOIN COUNCIL IN CONGRATULATING YOU AND STAFF FOR THE SALE AND I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM 39.

Thomas: MAYOR APPROVAL, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS, WHICH I'LL SECOND, WHICH IS TO APPROVE ITEM 39, THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THIS BOND SALE. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COUNCIL, IF YOU REMEMBER, IN CLOSED SESSION WE DID TAKE UP ONE REAL ESTATE MATTER, ITEM 37, REGARDING A PROPERTY AT 1022 EAST 12TH STREET. WE HAVE A POSTED ACTION ITEM RELATED TO THAT, ITEM 38, WHICH IS THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE

CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST BID OFFER ON THAT SOLICITATION THAT WE'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1022 EAST 12TH STREET. I'LL WELCOME A BRIEF PRESENTATION BY STAFF. COUNCIL, I'M BRINGING BEFORE YOU A RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST BID PROPOSAL FOR THE CWA BUILDING. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON 12TH STREET JUST OFF OF -- THIS IS NAVASOTA HERE AND 13TH STREET, AND THIS IS 12TH STREET HERE WITH WALLER -- THE PROPERTY ACTUALLY FRONTS ON 12TH AND WALLER. THIS IS A PICTURE OF THE BUILDING. THE BUILDING IS IN DILAPIDATED SHAPE. IT'S BEEN BROKEN INTO SEVERAL TIMES BY THE HOMELESS, AND IT HAS LEAD AND ASBESTOS IN THE BUILDING.

Mayor Wynn: I HOPE YOU DIDN'T TELL THAT TO THE POTENTIAL BUYERS?

THEY'RE WELL AWARE. AGAIN, IT HAS SOME WAREHOUSE SPACE. THE PROPERTY IS ZONED CS-NP. IT'S 17,625 SQUARE FEET, AND THE BUILDING IS 7,695 SQUARE FOOT, AND IT WAS BUILT IN 1970 AND IT'S A TWO-STORY BUILDING. THE HISTORY IS THE CITY OF AUSTIN ACQUIRED THE PROPERTY THROUGH THE ANDERSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. IN NOVEMBER 2004 WE WENT OUT FOR REQUESTS FOR OFFERS AND TO SELL THE PROPERTY. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL WAS APRIL 15TH, 2005. WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT YOU ACCEPT THE BID OF LEE WILSON AND GUSTAVO ARCASA. THEY WILL FORM A JOINT VENTURE. THEIR BID PRICE IS 264,275 AND THE APPRAISED VALUE WAS 255,000. THE BIDDER'S PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY WAS THEY WOULD DEMOLISH THE PROPERTY AND DEVELOP WITH SOME RETAIL OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL. THE RESIDENTIAL WILL BE SMART HOUSING CERTIFIED. THE PARKING WILL EXCEED THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AND IT WILL BE ZONED UNDER THE GREEN SPECIFICATIONS. THIS IS AN ARTIST CONCEPTUAL DRAWING OF THEIR PLANS FOR THAT AREA. AGAIN, THE SALES PRICE IS 264,000 AND THE DEAL WILL BE 10,000 EARNEST MONEY AND 2,000 THAT WILL BE IN TENANT CONSIDERATION AND WILL CLOSE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF CONTRACT EXECUTION. AND THERE WILL BE PENALTIES IF THE DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT OCCUR. THAT'S IT, THANK

YOU.

Mayor Wynn: ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? WE DID HAVE A PRESENTATION IN CLOSED SESSION. HEARING NONE, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER 38. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE ITEM 38, WHICH IS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THIS CONTRACT FOR SALE. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MAYOR. I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT ABOUT THE ITEM. I THINK IT'S REAL EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR A PROPERTY THAT IS KIND OF WASTING AWAY SLOWLY BUT SURELY AND BEEN UNUTILIZED FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS. AND I KNOW A LOT OF NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE WANTED TO SEE SOME NEW DEVELOPMENT ALONG 12TH STREET, SO THIS WILL PLAY INTO THAT AND HELP THE -- HELP US TO SEE SOME IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THAT CORRIDOR AS WELL. IT WILL BE A MARKED IMPROVEMENT OF WHAT'S BEEN THERE AND BEEN THERE FOR A LONG WHILE NOW. I WANT TO THANK STAFF FOR UNDERTAKING THIS PROCESS AND CERTAINLY FOR THE RECOMMENDED TEAM HERE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BECAUSE I THINK IT'S GOING TO MAKE A HUGE IMPACT IN TERMS OF HOW THIS AREA BEGINS TO DEVELOP, AND SO IT'S REALLY, REALLY EXCITING TO SEE AFTER ALL THESE YEARS -- THE FIVE YEARS WE'VE BEEN ON THE COUNCIL, WE'VE GRAPPLED WITH WHAT COULD BE DONE WITH THIS PARTICULAR FACILITY AND THIS PARTICULAR LOCATION, SO I THINK IT WILL HELP ON MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS.

Kim: I'M VERY ENCOURAGED BY THIS PROJECT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A GOOD MIXED USE BUILDING WITH A MIX OF HOUSING FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA, THEIR CHILDREN GROWING UP AS WELL AS SOME USE FOR LOCAL BUSINESS, SO I'M ENCOURAGED TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH THIS, BUT I HOPE THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD GETS INVOLVED IN DISCIPLINING THIS AND WORKING WITH WHOEVER DEVELOPS THE PROPERTY. THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND

ON THE TABLE. FURTHER COMMENTS? MAYOR PRO TEM, A COMMENT?

Thomas: IF YOU DON'T MIND, MAYOR, I COMMEND STAFF ALSO, BUT WE WANT TO SEND A MESSAGE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND EVEN IN THE PLANNING PROCESS THAT THEY CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT THEY WORK REAL HARD ON THE 12TH STREET CORRIDOR, THAT PARTICULAR AREA, AND MAKE SURE THAT IT ENHANCES WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO WITH THE CITY, ALL ACROSS THE CITY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. SO A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 38. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US TO OUR 2:00 O'CLOCK BUDGET BRIEFINGS. THIS IS THE PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR '05-'06 BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT, THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. AND I'LL WELCOME ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MIKE MCDONALD.

ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL. WE'RE PLEASED TO PRESENT TO YOU THE FY '06 BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS. THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS BUDGET INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON VOLUME 1 FOR PARKS, LIBRARY AND HEALTH, AND FOR HOUSING IN VOLUME 2. BEFORE I HAVE THE DEPARTMENTS PRESENT THEIR BUDGETS, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT YOU WILL HEAR IN THE PRESENTATIONS. I'D FIRST LIKE TO START BY EMPHASIZING YOUR OVERALL INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS OVER THE YEARS. PREVIOUS YEARS REDUCTIONS, PERSONNEL STAFFING LEVELS AND A RANKING FROM OUR

CITIZENS' SURVEY. I'D LIKE TO BEGIN WITH AN OVERVIEW. THE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS IS 76 MILLION. THIS REPRESENTS A FIVE MILLION OR A 7.1% INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PROPOSED INCREASE IS THE \$.1 MILLION -- 2.1 MILLION IN THE LIBRARY BUDGET. MOST OF THIS INCREASE IS A TRIBUTE TO THE PROPOSED OPENING OF BRANCH LIBRARIES AN ADDITIONAL DAY. THE LIBRARY BRANCHES WERE CLOSED AN EXTRA DAY IN FY '04 AS PART OF THE BUDGET REDUCTION STRATEGY. ALSO FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES, THE FISCAL YEAR '05 AMENDED AMOUNT THAT YOU SEE ON THE CHART DOES NOT INCLUDE THE EXPENDITURES FOR PARK POLICE. THIS ALLOWED US TO GIVE YOU A CONSISTENT COMPARISON. THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION WILL GO INTO MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE CHANGES WITH PARK POLICE. THIS NEXT SLIDE DEPICTS THE ENTIRE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FY '06 AND A BREAKDOWN BY PERCENTAGE. THE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FY '06 IS 479,000,746.81. THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS REPRESENT 13.3% OF THE OVERALL GENERAL FUND PROPOSED BUDGET. THE MAJORITY, 323 MILLION, OR 67.3%, IS RESERVED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. COUNCIL, THE LAST FOUR YEARS HAVE BEEN QUITE CHALLENGING FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS. A COMPARISON OF GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS -- OKAY. COUNCIL, ON THIS SLIDE, AS I WAS STATING , THE LAST FEW YEARS HAVE BEEN VERY CHALLENGING. THE COMPARISON OF THE GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS REVEAL THAT 76 MILLION -- THAT THE 76 MILLION PROPOSED IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET WOULD NOT GET US BACK TO THE FUNDING LEVELS IN 2002, WHICH WAS 80 MILLION. HOWEVER, AS THE CITY MANAGER HAS OFTEN EXPLAINED, THE DEMAND FOR SERVICES IN THESE DEPARTMENTS HAS STEADILY INCREASED DURING THE DOWNTURN OF THE ECONOMY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE NUMBER OF ITEMS CIRCULATED IN OUR LIBRARIES ARE CLOSE TO THE SAME LEVEL AS 2002, ALTHOUGH WE ARE OPENING WITH -- ALTHOUGH WE ARE OPERATING WITH LESS STAFF AND WE ARE OPEN FEWER HOURS. A SIMILAR FINDING OF INCREASED VOLUME CAN BE FOUND IN THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHERE THE NUMBER OF

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE INCREASED FROM 300,861 TO 347,720 IN 2005. THIS REPRESENTS A 13.9% INCREASE. AND I'D LIKE TO NOTE THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PRETTY MUCH IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO ACCOMPLISH ALL OF THIS WITHOUT THE HARD WORK OF THE EMPLOYEES IN EACH ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THEY'VE TAKEN ON QUITE A LOAD WITH AN INCREASE IN VOLUME IN SOME AREAS. THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE ALSO INCLUDED CRITICAL CAPITAL SERVICE -- CRITICAL CAPITAL AND SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS TOTALING 93,764. EACH DEPARTMENT WAS ASKED TO IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE CRITICAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS. THE EQUIPMENT IS VITAL DUE TO THE AGING OF SOME ITEMS AND THE DELAYS THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS IN RESTORING SOME OF OUR EQUIPMENT. THE MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THIS IS EQUIPMENT FOR MAINTENANCE AND FORESTRY CREWS AS WELL AS RECREATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE METZ RECREATION CENTER. THE 2006 BUDGET PROPOSALS IS AN INCREASE OF 66.88 F.T.E.'S FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THIS REPRESENTS A 7.8% INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. 58.88 OR 88% OF THE NEWLY REQUESTED POSITIONS ARE ADD BACKS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS' REDUCTIONS. A BREAKDOWN ON THOSE ADD BACKS ARE IN PARKS AND RECREATION WE'RE ADDING BACK NINE POSITIONS, LIBRARIES 40.88. AND AGAIN, THAT HAS TO DO WITH REOPENING OF THE BRANCH LIBRARIES IS WHY THAT NUMBER IS SO HIGH. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, NINE POSITIONS. FOR A TOTAL OF 58.88 POSITIONS. COUNCIL, THIS CHART IS A RANKING OF CITY SERVICES ACCORDING TO OUR CITIZENS' SURVEY. THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS RANKED SIXTH, SEVENTH, EIGHTH AND 10th IN OUR CITIZENS' SURVEY. THIS RANKING REPRESENTS A RANDOM SAMPLING OF CITIZENS WHETHER THEY USED THE SERVICES OR NOT. A CLOSE LOOK AT THE SURVEY REVEALED THE HIGHER PRIORITY BY CITIZENS THAT ACTUALLY USE THESE SERVICES. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS AN INVERSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INCOME OF THE RESIDENTS AND THE IMPORTANCE THEY PLACE ON HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES. AS INCOME WENT UP,

IT WAS -- THERE WAS LESS IMPORTANCE PLACED ON THESE PARTICULAR AREAS. ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS RESIDENTS WITH AN ANNUAL INCOME OF LESS THAN 20,000 ASSIGNED MORE IMPORTANCE TO PARKS AND LIBRARIES THAN INCOMES IN THE OTHER GROUPS. COUNCIL, WHEN THE DEPARTMENTS PRESENT, THEY'LL PRESENT THE INFORMATION TO YOU IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: THEY'LL GIVE YOU INFORMATION ON THE CITIZENS' SURVEY RESULTS, BUDGETING FACTS, BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS, WHICH INCLUDES ADD BACKS, PERFORMANCE AND OPERATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, GOALS, AND BENCHMARKS. THE ORDER OF PRESENTATION WILL BE OUR PARKS DIRECTOR, WARREN STREUSS, OUR DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION, DAVID LURIE FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND DIRECTOR PAUL HILGERS FOR HOUSING. I'D NOW LIKE TO TURN THE PRESENTATION OVER TO WARREN STREUSS, OUR DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, MR. STREUSS.

THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE IT. GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU, MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM. COUNCILS AND ALSO THE CITY MANAGER. I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT TO YOU THE 2006 PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET, AND I'M VERY EXCITED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR IN MANY THAT WE CAN SAY THAT PERHAPS WE WON'T BE STANDING HERE AND TALKING ABOUT A LIST OF REDUCTIONS, BUT ALSO WE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT AN INVESTMENT BACK IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, SO I'M VERY PLEASED ABOUT THAT. I'D LIKE TO TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE TO THE SLIDE FOR CITIZENS' SURVEY AND TALK TO YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE CITIZENS' SURVEY. WE AS THE CITY PERFORM A CITIZENS SURVEY TO TRY AND CAPTURE THE HE ESSENCE OF WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS WANT. AND THIS CHART WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA, KIND OF A DIVERSE IDEA OF ALL THOSE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE CITIZENS HAVE INDICATED TO US THAT THEY'RE INTERESTED IN. WE HAVE AT THE TOP OF THE CHART THE AUSTIN NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER. AS YOU CAN SEE, VERY, VERY POPULAR PROGRAM THAT WE PROVIDE IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SHOWING A PRETTY SIZEABLE INCREASE IN SATISFACTION LEVEL OVER LAST YEAR. OUR YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS AT 91.7%. ALSO SHOWING A SLIGHT INCREASE OVER LAST

YEAR AT 1.8%. QUALITY OF PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS THAT WE PROVIDE THROUGHOUT OUR PARK SYSTEM, A 2.8% INCREASE, WHICH I THINK IS RATHER SIGNIFICANT OVER LAST YEAR. WE HAVE OUR SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS THAT WE PROVIDE TO OUR SENIORS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AGAIN, A SLIGHT INCREASE IN IMPROVEMENT AND SATISFACTION LEVELS. AND THEN THE APPEARANCE OF PARK GROUNDS. THIS IS AN AREA THAT WE WANT TO TRY TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE, AND OUR GOAL IS 90%. WE'RE UNDER THAT GOAL, BUT WE'RE SHOWING A SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PAST YEAR OF 1.2%. GOING TO SOME GENERAL FUND BUDGET FACTS, YOU'LL FIND IN FRONT OF YOU WE HAVE A TOTAL PROPOSED GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS, AND I'LL SPEAK TO THAT IN JUST A SECOND A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT OUR REVENUE BUDGET. WE HAVE A TOTAL PROPOSED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE. THIS IS OUR GENERAL FUND BUDGET, OF 27 MILLION PROPOSED FOR NEXT YEAR. WE HAVE A TOTAL PROPOSED GENERAL FUND F.T.E. STAFFING LEVEL OF 360 F.T.E.'S PROPOSED FOR NEXT YEAR. THIS INCLUDES 13 NEW F.T.E.'S AND TWO F.T.E.'S THAT ARE TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS. A BREAKDOWN IN OUR NEW STAFFING LEVEL IS AS SUCH. WE'RE ASKING FOR ONE F.T.E. FOR THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MUSEUM. WE'RE ASKING FOR SIX PARK MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES, ADDITIONAL PARK MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES. AND I'LL DISCUSS THAT AT LENGTH A LITTLE BIT LATER. WE'RE ASKING FOR FIVE F.T.E.'S FOR OUR FORESTRY UNITED. AND I'LL DISCUSS THAT A LITTLE BIT MORE THOROUGHLY. WE'RE ASKING FOR ONE ADDITIONAL F.T.E. FOR THE METZ RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION THAT WE'RE IN PROGRESS ON AT THIS TIME. AND WE'RE ASKING FOR TWO SUPPORT SERVICE POSITIONS THAT ARE OUR TRANSFERS. OUR TRANSFER POSITIONS, ONE'S COMING FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT AND ONE EMPLOYEE FROM THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT. CONTINUING ON, ON THE NEXT SLIDE FOR GENERAL FUND BUDGET FACTS, AS THE CHIEF INDICATED AND ALSO IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION BY THE CITY MANAGER, WE ARE -- THERE IS THE TRANSFER OF THE PARK POLICE PROGRAM THAT YOU APPROVED THIS MORNING AS PART OF

THE CONSOLIDATION OF AIRPORT, PARK POLICE AND THE CITY MARSHALS. WE'RE ALSO PROPOSING ADD BACKS OF \$314,960 IN WHICH I'LL TAKE A MOMENT TO TALK ABOUT IN JUST A MINUTE. WE HAVE PROPOSED ONE-TIME CRITICAL ITEMS OF \$503,000. OF THIS, \$283,000 ARE FOR CRITICAL CAPITAL, AND I'LL SPEND JUST A SECOND HERE AND TALK ABOUT THAT CRITICAL CAPITAL. THIS WILL BE FOR OUR STRATEGIC ADD BACK CREWS, OUR PARK MAINTENANCE CREWS AND OUR FORESTRY CREWS AND THIS WILL ALSO BE CAPITAL FOR THE METZ RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION. WE'LL HAVE TRUCKS, MOWING COMPANY, AND A BUCKET TRUCK FOR THE FORESTRY SECTION, AS WELL AS AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND CERAMIC KILNS FOR THE RECREATION CENTER WHICH COMPRISES OUR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] PROPOSED CLOSING OF THE BERGSTROM GOLF COURSE. WE ARE PROPOSING CLOSING BERGSTROM GOLF COURSE DECEMBER 31st. THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT WE TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE MAKING THAT RECOMMENDATION. SOME OF THOSE CONSIDERATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, WE'VE HAD A REVENUE DECREASE OF 39%. IN OUR REVENUES AT BERGSTROM. WE ARE ALSO FACING AN INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR NEED THAT PROBABLY EXCEEDS A MILLION. WE HAVE A ROOF THAT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED, WE HAVE AN AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM THAT IS IN DISREPAIR AND WE HAVE AN AGED MAINTENANCE FLEET AS WELL AS A GOLF CART FLEET THAT IS IN NEED OF REPAIR AS WELL. ALL OF THESE ADD UP TO OVER A MILLION DOLLARS IN CAPITAL REPLACEMENT AND ADD-ONES. YOU COMPLICATE THIS MATTER BY ADDING THE POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 71, I HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE TXDOT OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS AND FOUND OUT THEY INDEED PLAN ON EXPANDING HIGHWAY 71 WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND INTEND TO START THEIR SURVEY AND LAND ACQUISITION MUCH BEFORE THAT. WITH THAT, THAT WILL TAKE THREE ADDITIONAL [INDISCERNIBLE] OF BERGSTROM, THAT WILL COMPLICATE THINGS EVEN FURTHER. WE HAVE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OFFICIALS ABOUT THE USE OF AVIATION PROPERTY WHICH IS SOME OF THE GOLF COURSE FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. THE FACTORS ARE MANY. I DON'T COME TO YOU LIGHTLY TODAY TO

RECOMMEND CLOSURE. BUT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS THAT WE CLOSE. THE NET EFFECT IS THIS. THE NET EFFECT IS THAT WE CAN TAKE THE GOLFERS THAT WILL NO LONGER BE AT BERGSTROM, WE CAN UTILIZE THOSE GOLFERS, I HOPE TO REALLY ENTICE THEM TO COME TO JIMMY CLAY, KAISER, MORRIS WILLIAMS, COME PLAY WITH US THERE. THERE WILL NOT ONLY BE A NET EFFECT OF REVENUES IN THE BUDGET, WE CAN ALSO HAVE THEM COME OVER AND BRING THEIR MEMBERSHIP OVER THERE AS WELL. I THINK THAT WE HAVE A WIN-WIN IN THIS SITUATION. OTHER ENTERPRISE FUNDS, PROPOSED EXPENDITURES OF 3.1 MILLION. THIS WILL MAINTAIN A CURRENT F.T.E. STAFFING LEVEL OF 19.5. THESE ARE ALL OF OUR FEE BASED PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE AT THE RECREATION CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE PARK SYSTEM. TURNING TO THE NEXT SLIDE, WE HAVE THE SOFTBALL ENTERPRISE FUND, WHICH MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH. THIS WAS OUR SOFTBALL PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE AT BOTH THE KREIG BALL FIELD COMPLEX AND ALSO THE HAVENS COMPLEX. THIS PAST YEAR WE'VE HAD 1700 TEAMS REGISTERED AND WE ARE EXPECTING TO MEET THAT SAME GOAL NEXT YEAR. WE ALSO HAVE A GRANT PROGRAM WITH THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF 1.1 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR NEXT YEAR. THIS IS PREDOMINANTLY FOR OUR GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS FOR OUR SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS, OUR SENIOR LUNCHEON PROGRAMS, OUR SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS AND OUR SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM THAT WE PROVIDE OUT OF THIS GRANT FUNDING. YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU A CHART THAT PROVIDES YOU BASICALLY A PIE CHART THAT ILLUSTRATES WHERE ALL OF THE FUNDS DERIVE FROM TO FUND YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. YOU CAN SEE IN THE CHART THAT 63.6% OF ALL OF THE FUNDS THAT ARE UTILIZED IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT IS UTILIZED THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND. BUT WE ALSO HAVE THE ENTERPRISE FUND AND THE SURCHARGE AND RECREATION FUND AND THE SOFTBALL FUND COMPRISING ABOUT 25% OF THOSE FUNDS. THE -- THE REVENUE THAT WE TALKED ABOUT JUST BRIEFLY AT THE BEGINNING, REPRESENTS ABOUT 8% OF ALL FEES AND FUNDS THAT WE HAVE FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THE FINAL 3% ARE BY OUR GRANTS. I INDICATED THAT I WOULD BRIEF YOU ON THE REVENUE

THAT WE GENERATE EACH YEAR. WE GENERATE 3 MILLION -- ABOUT \$3 MILLION OF GENERAL FUND REVENUE. THAT GENERAL FUND REVENUE IS BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: WE HAVE ENTRY FEES FOR SEVEN OF OUR FEE BASED POOL. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 47 SWIMMING POOLS IN AUSTIN. OF WHICH SEVEN OF THOSE ARE FEE BASED POOLS. WE ALSO HAVE ENTRY FEES AT OUR TWO METROPOLITAN PARKS, THOSE BEING EMMA LONG, METROPOLITAN PARK AND WALTER E. LONG PET METROPOLITAN PARK. ALSO THROUGH OUR CONCESSION REVENUES. THOSE ARE THROUGH ROWING, CANOE, RIVER BOAT, FOOD, AT ZILKER PARK, PITCH AND PUTT GOLF COURSE AND DRIVING RANGE ALONG WITH CONCESSIONS THAT WE PROVIDE AT THE TRAIL OF LIGHTS. WE HAVE 440,000 GENERATED THROUGH FACILITY BUILDING AND RENTALS. PARK RENTALS AND SPECIAL EVENTS AND OUR PICNIC AREAS AND ALSO OUR ZILKER CLUBHOUSE, RYKER RANCH, FIESTA GARDENS, MANY OTHER FACILITIES AT WELL. WE HAVE 265,000 FEES GENERATED FOR PARKING FEES IN OUR PARK AND THAT'S PRIMARILY PARKING AT ZILKER PARK. AND THE GARDEN CENTER. CONTRIBUTIONS OF 175,000, THOSE ARE SPONSORSHIPS PRIMARILY GENERATED THROUGH OUR TRAIL OF LIGHTS SPONSORS. THE NEXT CHART ILLUSTRATES EXPENDITURES OF ALL FUNDS. ALL THE FUNDS TOTALING 40.3 MILLION. I WILL SPEAK TO THAT ON THE NEXT SLIDE. PRIMARILY YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE ARE THREE MAJOR AREAS THAT REQUIRE EXPENDITURES. 30.4% OF OUR EXPENDITURES GO TO OUR FACILITIES SERVICES. 27% TO COMMUNITY SERVICES AND 21% TO SPORTS MANAGEMENT, WHICH IS GOLF, AQUATICS, ATHLETICS. THE BREAKDOWN OF THOSE EXPENDITURES ARE AS FOLLOWS: FACILITIES SERVICES, \$12.2 MILLION, THAT -- THAT IS PRIMARILY DERIVED FROM OUR PARKS AND OUR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AND ALL OF OUR PARKS. \$10.9 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES. AND THIS IS THE EXPENDITURES FROM ALL OF OUR RECREATION CENTERS AND OUR SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTERS AND SPORTS MANAGEMENT OF \$8.6 MILLION. THESE ARE DOLLARS THAT ARE EXPENDED FOR GOLF, ATHLETICS AND AQUATICS. I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU BRIEFLY ABOUT THE STRATEGIC ADD-BACKS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PRESENTATION. TWO MAJOR STRATEGIC ADD-BACKS,

VERY CRITICAL FOR THE PARKS AND RECOLLECTION DEPARTMENT, I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO TALK ABOUT THEM. THE FIRST BEING FOURTH STREET. FOURTH STREET IS A CRITICAL, CRITICAL RESPONSIBILITY THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS. ALL OF THE STREET TREE, RIGHT-OF-WAY TREE MAINTENANCE THAT WE HAVE ALONG ALL OF THE STREETS IN AUSTIN AND ALSO WE HAVE WHAT'S CALLED BLIND CORNER RESPONSIBILITY. THESE ARE THOSE AREAS THAT YOU HAVE AT INTERJECTING STREETS THAT HAVE SITE OBSTRUCTIONS CAUSED BY TREES OR BRUSH OR HIGH WEEDS. THE PARKS AND RECREATION HAS THAT RESPONSIBILITY. WITH THIS STRATEGIC ADD-BACK, THIS WILL ALLOW US TO RESPOND MUCH QUICKER ON THOSE CRITICAL SAFETY CONCERNS. ALSO, WE ARE ADDING BACK FOUR STRATEGIC ADD BACK OF FOUR F.T.E.'S ON OUR PARKS GROUNDS CREWS FOR \$145,000, AS MANY OF US KNOW, THE PARKS AND RECREATION OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS HAVE LOST ABOUT 60 POSITIONS IN OUR PARK MAINTENANCE AREA. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO ADD BACK SOME OF THAT CRITICAL MAINTENANCE WORK THAT WE NEED TO DO TO ENHANCE AND IMPROVE OUR PARKS THROUGHOUT OUR PARKS SYSTEM. SERVICE LEVEL ENHANCEMENT, I WANT TO TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK WE CAN BRAG ON IN 2006. WE ANTICIPATE THE OPENING OF THE SOUTH SOCCER, SOUTHEAST SOCCER COMPLEX. WE ARE ANTICIPATING OPENING NINE FIELDS, SHOULD HAVE THOSE OPEN FOR PLAY IN EARLY SPRING OF THIS '06. METS RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION, EXCITED ABOUT THAT EXPANSION, SHOULD OPEN IN DECEMBER OF '05 OF THIS YEAR. AND THE NEXT TWO, I THINK, GO HAND IN HAND. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT MABEL DAVIS PARK HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS FOR THE LANDFILL MITIGATION. THAT AND OBVIOUSLY THE OPENING OF THE SKATE BOARD PARK WILL PROBABLY RUN PARALLEL AT THE END OF OCTOBER. AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A -- TO AN EXCITING RIBBON CUTTING FOR BOTH MABEL DAVIS PARK AND THE SKATE BOARD PARK. THE LAST ONE THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE SEEING COMPLETED BY THE END OF OCTOBER WILL ALSO BE THE EXPANSION OF TOWN LAKE TRAIL RUNNING UP BARTON CREEK. WE CALL IT THE ZILKER LOOP PART OF THE TOWN LAKE TRAIL. THAT'S GOING TO ALLOW

US ONCE COMPLETED FOR US TO -- THE USER OF BOIKT TO BE ABLE TO -- OF THE HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL TO BE ABLE TO TRAVERSE UNDERNEATH THE BRIDGE TO TRAVERSE UNDER THE BRIDGE SO WE DON'T HAVE TO GO ACROSS BARTON SPRINGS ROAD. THAT'S GOING TO BE AN EXCITING COMPLETION OF THAT PROJECT. BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS ... 2006 WILL BRING YOU ALL OF THE SAME SIGNATURE EVENTS THAT I THINK THAT WE'VE HAD OVER THE PAST YEARS. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE OBVIOUSLY BRINGING BACK FOR THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN OUR TRAIL OF LIGHTS. THAT GENERATE OVER 300,000 PARTICIPANTS A YEAR. WE WILL BE SEEING AGAIN THE AUSTIN CITY LIMITS MUSIC FESTIVAL, OBVIOUSLY THE EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL BACK AT ZILKER PARK, ANTICIPATING 195,000 PARTICIPANTS. YOU HAVE THE FOURTH OF JULY, 100,000 PARTICIPANTS JUST IN ZILKER PARK, NOT COUNTING THE NUMBERS THAT WE HAVE ALONG THE TOWN LAKE CORRIDOR. YOU HAVE SOUTH-BY-SOUTHWEST, CAP 10, PRO BEACH VOLLEYBALL COMING BACK, FREESCALE MARATHON, FARMERS MARKET TURNED INTO A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, BOTH AT REPUBLIC SQUARE AND PLAZA SALTILLO, THEN THE FIRST YEAR EVENT WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL, THE MAYOR HAD A GREAT TIME THIS YEAR, I THINK HE'S GOING TO TRY FOR A BETTER TIME NEXT YEAR AT THE SILICON LAB RELAYS. WE HAD 1600 PARTICIPANTS THIS YEAR, LOOKING FORWARD TO BRINGING IT BACK FOR NEXT YEAR. THE SERVICE LEVEL KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES, YOU CAN SEE THAT WE BROKE THOSE DOWN FOR YOU AND TRIED TO BE AS BROAD AS WE COULD. SO YOU CAN GET AN IDEA OF THE PERFORMANCE MEASURES THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT. THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO OUR GARDEN CENTER WILL BE -- WILL REMAIN ABOUT THE SAME, JUST A VERY, VERY SLIGHT INCREASE. WE SEE A NUMBER OF REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM. WE JUST GOT THROUGH WITH THIS PROGRAM THIS SUMMER. WE WILL HAVE -- WE ARE PROPOSING ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF YOUNGSTERS COMING TO THAT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM PARTICIPANTS. OUR GOAL IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS TO CONTINUALLY STRIVE TO IMPROVE THE GOAL OF SWIM PROOFING ALL OF OUR KIDS THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT. WE ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE THAT BY 15%

FOR NEXT YEAR. AND THEN A NUMBER OF FORCERY WORK ORDERS -- FORESTRY WORK ORDERS SHOULD INCREASE BY ABOUT 21 PERCENT DUE TO THE ADDITIONAL DOLLARS IN THE STRATEGIC ADD-BACK. [INDISCERNIBLE] ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY '05, I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY WE ARE ALL VERY, VERY PROUD OF THE GOLD MEDAL AWARD RECEIVED LAST OCTOBER. OBVIOUSLY THANKS TO ALL OF OUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS THE COUNCIL AND ALSO THE CITY MANAGER. WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND VISION THIS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. WE ALSO ARE EXCITED THAT WE OPEN IN FEBRUARY THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MUSEUM. WE CUT THE RIBBON SO CHESTNUT NEIGHBORHOOD PARK LAST YEAR, COMPLETING THE RENOVATION OF LOTT PART IN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO. WE HAD THE LARGEST SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM IN THE HISTORY OF 78 YEARS THIS YEAR, ON AUDITORIUM SHORES AND THE MAYOR LED THE WAY. AND I THINK HE SHOOK HANDS WITH ALL 1100 KIDS, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY. BUT WE WERE VERY, VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE PLAYGROUND -- THIS YEAR WE HAD A GREAT PLAYGROUND PROGRAM FOR OUR KIDS. ADOPT A PARK PROGRAM REGISTERED OVER \$5 MILLION IN VOLUNTEER EFFORTS THIS PAST YEAR. WE HAD AN ADOPT THE PARK THANK YOU AND PRESENTATION LUNCHEON WHERE WE HAD A NUMBER OF DON'TEES THAT CAME -- ADOPTEES THAT CAME UP. THE LAST ONE, SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS VERY CREATIVE, THE COLLABORATION WITH THE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COURT, WE STARTED THIS TWO YEARS AGO, COUNCIL HAS FUNDED THIS A COUPLE OF YEARS IN A ROW, THIS IS WHERE WE ARE ADDING A CREW EACH YEAR, FOLKS COME OUT, GO THROUGH THE COURT, COME OUT, SPEND THEIR TIME WITH US TO WORK OFF THEIR FINES, SO FORTH, IN HELPING USMOW OR MEDIANS AND TRIANGLES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, IT'S BEEN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL. AGAIN WE WANT TO OFFER A MINIMUM OF COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMS FOR FREE, WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN SERVING SENIOR CITIZENS THEIR MEALS AT 140,000 MEALS IN '06, MAINTAIN SERVING 75,000 LUNCHESES TO THE YOUTH IN OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS, MAINTAIN A RATIO OF 24-ACRES OF PARKLAND TO 1,000 POPULATION, WANT TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AT

LEAST 2500 PARTICIPANTS IN OUR SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM, I'M SURE THAT WE WILL EXCEED THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE OUR PANS OPERATION IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM PROGRAM BY 2%, AS I INDICATED WE ARE GOING TO EXCEED THAT BY A NUMBER FOR NEXT YEAR. VOLUNTEER HOURS EXPECTED TO BE -- EXPECTED TO BE 74,100 FOR A TOTAL OF 5 MILLION AGAIN NEXT YEAR. AGAIN WE WILL TRY TO EXCEED THAT AS WELL. ALSO NEW FACILITY GROUND BREAKINGS ANTICIPATED FOR NEXT YEAR. THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, KNOWN AS THE MAC, HOPEFULLY A GRAND BREAKING IT IN THE OFFINGS SOMETIME AROUND THE END OF OCTOBER, FIRST OF NOVEMBER, TURNER ROBERTS RECREATION CENTER LOOKING FOR A GROUND BREAKING SOMETIME IN THE MAY OF NEXT YEAR OF '06 AND TOWN LAKE PARK, WE ARE LOOKING FOR GETTING THAT OFF THE GROUND, WE'VE HAD A MINOR SET BACK, WE WILL BE LOOKING TO GET THAT OFF THE GROUND IN THE FALL AS WELL. THE LAST PART OF OUR BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS OR GOALS IS THAT WE ARE AS A DEPARTMENT ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO STARTING THE ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. WE WON THE GOLD MEDAL, NOW IT'S TIME TO GET ACCREDITED. IF WE CAN GET THAT ADDED TO US, WE WILL TRULY BE THE BEST PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY. COMMUNITY SCORE CARD, TOTAL DEVELOPED PARK ACREAGE FOR 1,000, YOU CAN SEE THAT WE ARE DOING QUITE WELL AT 16.3-ACRES PER THOWNLD, WAY AHEAD OF -- WE ARE THOUSAND, WAY AHEAD TO THE NEIGHBORS TO SOUTH, DOING QUITE WELL. WE STILL NEED TO DO A LITTLE WORK IN THAT AREA.

THAT'S NOT PICKING ON SAN ANTONIO [LAUGHTER]

ALSO COMMUNITY SCORE CARD F.T.E.'S FOR 100 ACRES OF PARKLAND, THIS IS PROBABLY MY -- THIS IS PROBABLY MY MOST EXCITING ONE, CITY MANAGER, WE HAVE .9 F.T.E.'S PER 100-ACRES, OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH ARE ABOUT TWICE AS MANY F.T.E.'S PER 100 ACRES OF PARKLAND, BUT WE HAVE SOME ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENTS THERE, WITH THE STRATEGIC ADD BACKS WE ARE GOING TO GET THERE. COMPARISON OF WALKING AND HIKING TRAILS, WE ARE AT 98 MILES OF TRAILS, BUT WE HAVE ROOM FOR

IMPROVEMENT. SAN DIEGO, PORTLAND, FAIRFAX AND PHOENIX ALL DOING BETTER THAN WE ARE. HOWEVER WE ARE THE STOP IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. SO THIS IS COUNCIL MY PRESENTATION ON THE BUDGET. I WILL BE HAPPY TO ENTERTAIN ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

THANK YOU, MR. STRUSS, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: HOPEFULLY, MR. STRUSS, WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MONEY IN THE TRANSPORTATION BILL FOR HIKE AND BIKE TRAILS, IN EAST AUSTIN IN PARTICULAR, 7.7 MILLION, THAT WILL HELP US GET THAT NUMBER UP. IN TERMS OF THAT PLAINTIFF STATISTIC. CERTAINLY OUR THANKS TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, BUT IN PARTICULAR CONGRESSMAN DOGETT WHO LOBBIED VERY HEAVILY FOR THAT. MANY OUR TRANSPORTATION RELATED IMPROVEMENTS. BUT I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. YOU MENTIONED THE COMPLETION OF THE PHASE 1 ZILKER LOOP AND WHEN DID YOU SAY THAT WAS -- THAT WAS HAPPEN?

COUNCILMEMBER, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CUT THE RIBBON ON THAT NEW TRAIL AS EARLY AS -- I'M GOING TO BE SAFE, COUNCILMEMBER, I'M GOING TO SAY NOVEMBER 1st. THAT'S THE FIRST THING --

Alvarez: THAT WAS MY NEXT QUESTION IS WHAT WAS -- WHAT WOULD PHASE 2 -- THE NEXT PHASE ENCOMPASS?

THE NEXT PHASE WILL ENCOMPASS TAKING IT FROM THE BASICALLY THE END OF THE BARTON SPRINGS POOL AND THEN WE'LL CROSS BARTON CREEK WITH A BRIDGE ON THE SECOND PHASE. THAT'S OUR INTENTIONS. JUST TO GET BACK ACROSS THE CREEK. AND THAT WILL BE PHASE 2.

Alvarez: ALL RIGHT. MABEL DAVIS YOU MENTIONED, ALSO, WOULD BE OPENING UP FINALLY. I KNOW THE FOLKS IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE BEEN WAITING A LONG, LONG TIME FOR THAT TO HAPPEN.

LONG TIME. >>

Alvarez: SO I WAS JUST CURIOUS ABOUT -- YOU KNOW, OTHER THAN, YOU KNOW, A SKATE PARK THAT WE MIGHT HAVE THERE, IS -- IS WHAT KIND OF, YOU KNOW, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OR EQUIPMENT OPPORTUNITIES THERE WOULD BE WHEN THAT DOES YOU KNOW OPEN UP.

COUNCILMEMBER, I THINK -- I THINK THERE'S THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE INFINITE. I THINK THAT WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAILS, I THINK WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FREE PLAY, I THINK WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCCER, RUGBY, ALL TYPES OF ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES. I THINK THAT WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISC GOLF AND I THINK AGAIN THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE ENDLESS. WE DO NEED TO MASTER PLAN IT, THOUGH, WE NEED TO GET WITH ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS AND ALL OF THE PARK USERS AND SEE WHAT THEIR NEEDS AND LIKES ARE, GET WITH THEM BECAUSE WE HAVE A CANVAS THAT WE CAN REALLY DEVELOP A PARK.

IN TERMS OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD TAKE PLACE THERE BEFORE, IMPROVEMENTS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ALREADY IN PLACE, THOSE ARE ALL --

RIGHT.

-- TO BE MAINTAINED OR DID -- CAN WE IMPROVE UPON SOME OF THAT INFRASTRUCTURE AS WELL?

AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A PLAYSCAPE ALREADY OUT THERE. WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY A SWIMMING POOL, A BRAND NEW SKATE PARK. IT'S GOING TO BE A MULTI-USE PARK, VERY EXCITING. ANOTHER 40 OR 50 ACRES THAT WE CAN DEVELOP, NEED TO, SEE FIT TO WITH THE CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Futrell: WARREN DID I HEAR YOU SAY THE SKATE BOARD PARK IS GOING TO OPEN A COUPLE OF MONTHS EARLY?
[LAUGHTER]

CITY MANAGER, THE PRESSURE IS ON. WE ARE HOPING BY THE END OF OCTOBER. WE DO HAVE SOME RAIN DELAYS,

CITY MANAGER, I DIDN'T WANT TO BRING THAT UP TODAY.

Futrell: I'M TEASING YOU.

OKAY.

WE HAD RECEIVED SEVERAL COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT THE GARDEN CENTER AND THE NEED FOR THE -- YOU KNOW THE INCREASE IN MAINTENANCE THERE. BOTANICAL GARDENS, I WOULD ASSUME THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE REFERRING TO. COULD YOU ADDRESS THAT IN TERMS OF HOW THIS BUDGET MIGHT IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN THAT --

Futrell: ALSO, WARREN, WHILE YOU ARE DOING THAT, IF COUNCIL IF YOU WILL LOOK AT PAGE 24 IN YOUR -- IN YOUR SLIDE PRESENTATION, WARREN, IF YOU WILL SPEAK TO THE FACT THAT WE SAW A SMALL DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO USED THE GARDEN CENTER AND TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT WE DID TO TRY TO BOOST REVENUE AND HOW THAT MIGHT HAVE ACTUALLY AFFECTED OUR NUMBERS THERE.

VERY GOOD POINT. COUNCILMEMBER, WE -- WE OBVIOUSLY OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE GARDEN CENTER WAS HIT EXTREMELY HARD, WE KNOW THAT. 25 TO 30%, ALONG WITH OUR PARK MAINTENANCE AREAS. LAST YEAR OUR APPROVED BUDGET ALLOWED US TO PUT ANOTHER \$80,000 BACK INTO THE -- INTO THE GARDEN CENTER. THIS ALLOWED US TO HIRE A NUMBER OF STAFF TO -- TO BRING THE LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE BACK UP. WE STILL HAVE -- WE STILL HAVE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENTS, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THERE -- IT IS OUR SHOWCASE, IT IS OUR BOTANICAL GARDEN, WE DO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO BRING THAT IMPROVEMENT BACK UP. WE WILL DO THAT. WE DID START A CHARGE, PARKING FEE LAST YEAR OF \$3. WITH THAT INFUSION OF \$3 PARKING FEE, THAT \$80,000 WAS PUT BACK INTO THE EXPENDITURE SIDE OF THE FAMILY TO ALLOW US TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS. AND I FEEL WE HAVE. IN MY INSPECTIONS AND MY TOURS DOWN TO THE GARDEN CENTER, I HAVE SEEN A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST YEAR AND THE YEARS BEFORE. BUT I'LL BE -- I'LL BE PERFECTLY FRANK WITH YOU THAT WE HAVE ROOM FOR

IMPROVEMENT. TO BRING TO EVEN A HIGHER LEVEL.

Alvarez: THANK YOU, I THINK THERE WILL BE A LOT OF HAPPY FOLKS.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

Leffingwell: IS IT YOUR GOAL TO PROVIDE ENOUGH FUNDING TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE THOSE GARDENS WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS, OR ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE TO RELY ON VOLUNTEERS TO SOME EXTENT? I HAVE HEARD THE COMPLAINT THAT THE VOLUNTEERS ARE RUNNING OUT OF GAS.

I HAVE HEARD THE SAME COMPLAINTS, I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY A TRUE STATEMENT. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION, I THINK THAT IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE CONTINUE LEVERAGING VOLUNTEERS, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO SEEK A BALANCE BETWEEN THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE STAFF, OUR MAINTENANCE STAFF. WE NEED TO DO THAT. WE REALLY ARE TAXING THE VOLUNTEERS, IF YOU CAN CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STAFF, I WANT TO CONTINUE TO USE THE VOLUNTEERS IN ANY WAY THAT I CAN. I THINK WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE OUR NUMBER OF STAFF AT THE GARDEN CENTER.

Leffingwell: THE GARDEN CLUB VOLUNTEERS HAVE SUBMITTED A PLAN TO -- TO OPERATE THE BOTANICAL GARDENS INDEPENDENTLY OF THE CITY. I KNOW AS A NON-PROFIT. THAT PROPOSAL IS GOING TO WORK ITS WAY THROUGH THE SYSTEM, THROUGH THE PARK'S BOARD.

THE PROPOSAL IS A PROPOSAL FOR THE FOUNDATION TO BASICALLY TAKE OVER THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ENTIRE GARDENS. THAT PROPOSAL IS CURRENTLY UNDER ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW, BOTH BY STAFF AND BY THE PARKS BOARD, THE FACILITIES COMMISSION, IT WILL WORK ITS WAY THROUGH, YES, SIR.

Leffingwell: ONE MORE FOLLOW-UP ON ANOTHER SUBJECT. MABEL DAVIS I KNOW IS BUILT ON AN OLD ABANDONED HAZARDOUS WASTE DUMP. THERE ARE ANY ONGOING

EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH OPERATING THIS AS A PARK, IN OTHER WORDS IS THERE MONITORING THAT'S -- THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

YES, SIR, MONITORING WILL BE NEEDED BUT NOT ONGOING OPERATIONAL FUNDS FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, BUT FROM WATERSHED I'M SURE THERE WILL BE MONITORING EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THAT, WE WILL BE COMMUNICATING BACK AND FORTH ON THAT. BUT NOT FROM AN O AND M OR OPERATIONS STANDPOINT FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: JUST ONE OTHER CAN EXPAND ON THE SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAMS, HOW THEY HAVE FARED OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT WE ARE DOING DURING THIS BUDGET CYCLE TO SUPPLEMENT THOSE PROGRAMS.

RIGHT, RIGHT. AS ALWAYS, COUNCILMEMBER, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS, NO DOUBT. WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE TRADITIONAL GRANT FUNDING THAT CONTINUES TO BE SOLID. I'M VERY, VERY PLEASED TO SAY THAT THE GRANT FUNDING HAS NOT BEEN UNDER ATTACK FROM THE FEDERAL SIDE OF THE FAMILY. THAT'S GOOD. BECAUSE THAT CONTINUES TO ALLOW US TO TAKE CARE OF OUR SENIOR TRANSPORTATION U.N. SECURITY COUNCILTRITION, EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, THAT'S REAL IMPORTANT. WE HAVE THE CONNALLY GUERRERO, THE SOUTH AUSTIN, SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER ON 29th AND LAMAR. WE ARE CONSISTENT IN THE PROGRAMS, AS LONG AS THE GRAND FUNDING HOLDS TRUE, WE ARE STABLE ON THE GRANT FUNDING, I THINK WE WILL SEE THE SAME LEVEL OF FUNDING THAT WE HAVE IN THE SENIOR PROGRAMS.

THE MEAL PROGRAM IS STRONG.

IT'S STRONG.

AS IT HAS BEEN.

YES, SIR, VERY STRONG.

Alvarez: OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, APPRECIATE IT. >>

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU CALCULATE THE VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR HELPING WITH THE PARKS. LIKE ADOPT A PARK DAY, IT'S MY PARK DAY. I KNOW I WAS PART OF AN EFFORT WITH THE ROOT COST PROJECT, WE TOOK CARE OF SOME WORK FOR A WHOLE DAY AT QUAIL CREEK PARK, PAINTED SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT, DID SOME WEEKEND, A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS. DO YOU EVER KEEP TRACK OF THOSE NUMBERS?

COUNCILMEMBER, WE KEEP TRACK AS CLOSELY AS WE CAN. WE TRACK THAT VERY CLOSELY. OUR ADOPT A PARK PROGRAM IS TRACKED, EVERY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE, OUR SUPERVISORS, MANAGERS, PROGRAM SPECS, STAFF, HAVE A TRACKING MECHANISM IN WHICH THEY PUT TOGETHER THOSE NUMBERS. THEN WHERE HE CONSOLIDATE THOSE -- WE CONSOLIDATE THOSE NUMBERS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THOSE NUMBERS ARE REAL, REAL GOOD. WE DO TRACK ALL OF THOUGH, IN KIND SERVICE.

Futrell: WHAT WAS THE SFIMENT? AT SOME POINT I REMEMBER A \$5 MILLION NUMBER, DO I HAVE THAT CORRECT?

YES, MA'AM, YOU DO. THE LAST FEW YEARS WE HAVE BEEN IN EXCESS OF \$5 MILLION OF LEVERAGING, I ANTICIPATE THAT EVEN HIGHER NEXT YEAR.

Kim: HOW DO YOU ADVERTISE THOSE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKING IN THE PARK FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP OR CIVIC GROUP?

WE HAVE A READY MAIZE ADVERTISEMENT PROGRAM. WE HAVE THE AUSTIN PARK FOUNDATION WHO WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH US TO ADVERTISE OPPORTUNITIES. THEY HAVE A GREAT WEBSITE, VERY INTERACTIVE WEBSITE. YOU

CAN GO TO THAT, ALSO TO OUR WEBSITE, THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT WEBSITE FOR OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS CALL THE DIRECTORS OFFICE, ANY ONE OF OUR OFFICES IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, THEY KNOW WHERE TO SEND THOSE REQUESTERS TO. WE TRY TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS WE CAN.

I WONDER IF THERE'S A WAY TO USE CHANNEL 6 WHEN NOT USING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS TO ADVERTISE IT. I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF YOUTH GROUPS LOOKING FOR PROJECTS. THIS IS ONE THAT THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN, I'M SURE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE STATISTICS ON THE GROUPS, TYPE OF GROUPS, THE FREQUENCY.

I CAN GET THAT FOR YOU.

THANK YOU.

YOU BET.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? MAYOR PRO TEM.

Thomas: THANK YOU, MAYOR, WHAT I WANTED TO ASK MR. STRUSS, YOU WERE SAYING WHEN YOU CLOSED THE BERGSTROM GOLF COURSE, HAVE THE PLAYERS HAD ENOUGH NOTICE THAT THEY -- THAT IT'S GOING TO BE CLOSED? ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE SOME OF THOSE THAT ARE -- I KNOW YOU DID SAY THAT EARLIER IN YOUR PRESENTATION. BUT HAVE YOU GOT A RESPONSE FROM THE PEOPLE THAT MIGHT HAVE TO MOVE TO THOSE OTHER GOLF COURSES?

MAYOR PRO TEM, WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE, THERE'S 28 CURRENT GOLFERS THAT HAVE AN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOW. WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THAT MEMBERSHIP TO ANY ONE OF OUR OTHER COURSES, MORRIS WILLIAMS, JIMMY CLAY, GO TO THAT COURSE, BE ABLE TO USE OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AT THE FEE THAT BERGSTROM WAS CHARGING. THAT HOPEFULLY WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO PROVIDE SOME RELIEF IN THE CLOSING. AS FAR AS ADVERTISEMENT OR NOTIFICATION, WE HAVEN'T DONE A -- A

SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF NOTIFICATION YET UNTIL THE BUDGET PROCESS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF CHATTER IN THE GOLF WORLD NOW ABOUT THE BERGSTROM CLOSURE. SO I DON'T THINK IT'S ANY SECRET AT ALL THAT BERGSTROM IS BEING DISCUSSED.

ON YOUR KEY GOALS AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS, DOWN AT THE NEW FACILITY GROUND BREAKING, COULD YOU EXPLAIN, I KNOW AND A LOT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE OPPORTUNITY KNOW ABOUT THE TURNER ROBERTS CENTER, BUT CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY THE DATE CHANGED. SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN COME FORWARD WITH THAT.

WE HAVE BEEN IN DISCUSSION WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE PAST OH, SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS IN SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALSO WITH AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR JOINT USE WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ON COLONY PARK. AFTER GOING TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE COLONY PARK, ALONG WITH OUR RECREATION CENTER, WHICH MAKES A -- SEEMS TO MAKE THE PERFECT MODEL TO ME -- WE WILL FLUSH OUT THE DETAILS AS MUCH AS THE JOINT USE IS CONCERNED, BE BRINGING IT THROUGH THE PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS, THROUGH THE PARKS BOARD AND THEN BRINGING IT TO COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS MODEL, IT'S SIMILAR TO THE MODEL THAT WE HAVE AT J.J. PICKLE AND ALSO VERY BROWN AND I THINK THAT IT'S BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL MODEL, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS MODEL AS WELL.

Thomas: APPRECIATE THAT. THERE WAS SOME CONCERNS THAT SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT READ THE ARTICLE IN THE PAPER, IT WASN'T CLEAR ON WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO. APPRECIATE THAT.

RIGHT, YES, SIR.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: THIS MIGHT BE FOR CHIEF McDONALD OR FOR JOHN STEPHENS. I'M LOOKING AT THE BUDGET TOTALS AND

THE -- THE ACTUAL DOLLAR CHANGES. AND IT SHOWS THAT THE -- THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS SLATED TO RECEIVE AN INCREASE OF \$1.2 MILLION. YOU -- JUST FOR SOME CHANGES IN THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, I BELIEVE IT'S CALLED. SO PARKS WILL INCREASE BY \$1.2 MILLION. LIBRARY BUDGET SLATED TO INCREASE BY \$2.1 MILLION, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS SLATED TO INCREASE BY \$1.6 MILLION. HOUSING IS SLATED TO INCREASE BY \$200,000. AND SO IN LOOKING AT HOW THIS FALLS WITHIN THE SPECTRUM OF THE BUDGET, WHAT ARE THE -- WHAT IS THE PROJECTED INCREASE IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPONENTS OF THE BUDGET FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR 2006?

LET ME ASK MY BUDGET STAFF TO GET THAT. I DON'T HAVE THOSE NUMBERS RIGHT AT HAND. COUNCILMEMBER, IF YOU WILL HANG ON JUST ONE SECOND, WE'LL GET THEM TO YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER, THE CALCULATION, WRITING THE NUMBERS BACK THERE, APPROXIMATELY ABOUT AN \$18 MILLION INCREASE IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET, WHICH IS ABOUT A 6% INCREASE IN THE OVERALL PUBLIC SAFETY, AGAIN THAT'S FIRE, POLICE, E.M.S.

Futrell: GREG, IS THAT -- UP THE -- YOU HAVE THE FIRE CONTRACT DOLLARS LOADED ELSEWHERE, THOUGH, DO YOU NOT?

THAT IS CORRECT, CITY MANAGER.

Futrell: THAT WOULD BE UNDERESTIMATING THAT PERCENT INCREASE, WOULDN'T IT?

CORRECT. FOR THE -- TO FACTOR WHAT -- WITH THE -- WHAT THE FIRE CONTRACT WOULD ENTAIL, THAT IS NOT SHOWN CURRENTLY IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET.

Futrell: I THINK TO GET KIND OF AN APPLES AND APPLES WE WOULD HAVE TO DO A LITTLE BIT OF WORK FOR YOU TO GET IT. BUT REMEMBER AS PART OF THE ORIGINAL DISCUSSION, WE DID SOME WORK ON REDUCING THE NUMBER OF ADS IN ORDER TO NOT HAVE THE -- THE STEREOTYPICAL IMBALANCE BETWEEN PUBLIC SAFETY AND NON-PUBLIC

SAFETY DEPARTMENTS AND ADDS AND THEN IN ORDER TO GET THE CONTRACT NUMBERS TO GIVE YOU APPLES TO APPLES WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO DO A LITTLE WORK BECAUSE THAT'S LOADED DIFFERENTLY.

McCracken: IN OTHER WORDS WHEN I ADDED ALL OF THIS UP ABOUT THE PROJECTED INCREASES FOR PARKS, LIBRARIES AND HEALTH AND HOUSING THAT CAME OUT TO \$5 MILLION. THEN SO WHAT I'M HEARING NOW THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCREASES THIS YEAR FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ARE IN EXCESS OF \$18 MILLION COMPARED TO 5 MILLION DOLLAR; IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT, COUNCILMEMBER.

Futrell: JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, IF YOU WERE ON THE FIRE SIDE TO JUST HAVE A CONTRACT INCREASE THAT WAS JUST EQUIVALENT TO THE POLICE CONTRACT, FOR THE YEAR, YOU WOULD NEED TO ADD ABOUT MAYBE 4 MILLION. JUST USE THAT AS A MARKER, MAKING IT EQUIVALENT, ADD FOUR TO THE 18 TO MAKE IT 22.

McCracken: IN OTHER WORDS BASED ON THE CITY MANAGER, WE ARE LOOKING AT A PROPOSED BUDGET OF A \$5 MILLION BUDGET INCREASE FOR PARKS AND LIBRARIES, HEALTH AND HOUSING AND ABOUT A \$22 MILLION BUDGET INCREASE FOR OUR PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES; IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT.

McCracken: WE HAVE A -- SOME -- THANK YOU, JOHN AND GREG, THAT'S VERY HELPFUL. WE ARE LOOKING AT SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT PROVIDES, I MEAN, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I HAVE -- THAT I HAVE LEARNED FROM MY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND FROM BEING A PROSECUTOR IS THAT ONE OF THE KEY THINGS THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU DO IN PROVIDING A SAFE COMMUNITY IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE KIDS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO IN THE SUMMER AND AFTER SCHOOL. BECAUSE THAT IS -- THERE'S A BUMP IN CRIME AFTER SCHOOL LET'S OUT, AND IF YOU GIVE KIDS A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE, THEY HAVE A BETTER FUTURE, A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE, BUT THERE'S ALSO THE SIDE BENEFIT OF

LESS CRIME IN THE COMMUNITY WHICH HAS A BIG PUBLIC SAFETY BENEFIT, TOO. CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT -- ABOUT THE -- THE STATUS OF THE AFTER-SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS PROVIDING IN THIS BUDGET? AND I HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF SOME POTENTIAL AREAS WHERE WE COULD ADD FUNDS AS WELL TO HELP TAKE CARE OF, MAKE SURE THAT KIDS HAVE SOMEWHERE POSITIVE TO GO AFTER SCHOOL, DURING THE SUMMER, THEREBY HELP MAKE THE COMMUNITY A BETTER, SAFER PLACE.

COUNCILMEMBER, AS YOU KNOW OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, WE'VE HAD TWO OR THREE SIGNIFICANT SIGNATURE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN REDUCED OR ELIMINATED. THOSE BEING THE TEEN ACADEMY PROGRAM, WHICH IS A PROGRAM BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13 AND 17. THAT WE GO OUT AND WE IDENTIFY AND WE BRING IN INFRASTRUCTURED PROGRAMS. WE -- THAT'S AN AREA THAT WE ARE NOT DOING A REAL GOOD JOB ON, THAT'S AN AREA THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US OBVIOUSLY IMPROVE ON. THERE WAS ANOTHER AWARD WINNING PROGRAM THAT WAS REDUCED WHICH I THOUGHT WAS AN EXTREMELY WELL RUN, OPERATED AND WELL RECEIVED PROGRAM, THAT WAS THE ROVING LEADER PROGRAM. THIS WAS A PROGRAM THAT BASICALLY IN SIMPLIFIED TERMS HAD YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN THAT UNDERSTOOD OUR YOUTH, GO OUT AND WORK WITH THEM, BRINGING THEM TOGETHER AND BRINGING THEM EITHER INTO THE REC CENTER AND INTO OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND -- THAT WERE STRUCTURED THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO HAVE A STRUCTURED AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY. THOSE ARE TWO AREAS THAT WE ARE DEFICIENT IN NOW. WE DO HAVE SUCCESSFUL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS GOING ON NOW. THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT WE ARE COMPLETELY DEFICIENT OF AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. WE ARE DOING THAT NOW. THOSE ARE TWO IDEAS AND TWO OPPORTUNITIES THAT IF GIVEN THAT -- THAT THEY WOULD BE GOOD PROGRAMS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT. REEVALUATING.

Futrell: WE HAD A NUMBER OF AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, REDUCTION IN THE REC CENTER HOURS, TOTALLY COOL TOTALLY ART GOT REDUCED, THAT WAS ALSO A NATIONALLY

AWARD WINNING PROGRAM.

I'M GLAD YOU REMINDED ME. THAT WAS REDUCED BY HALF. WE HAVE HALF OF THE PROGRAM THAT WE HAD AT THE INCEPTION OF THAT PROGRAM. THAT'S ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT NOT ONLY GIVES OUR KIDS THE OPPORTUNITY OF RECREATIONAL VALUE, BUT A CULTURAL COMPONENT AS WELL, ART AS WELL, HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME OF THE WORK OF OUR KIDS AND THE TOTALLY COOL PROGRAM IS AN AWE INSPIRING PROGRAM. IT'S ONE THAT WOULD REALLY SPEND THE DIFFERENT DINDZ IF WE HAD -- DIVIDENDS IF WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT SOME FUNDING BACK INTO IT.

Futrell: I THINK THE LAST ONE IS SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAMS, PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATICALLY REDUCED.

THE SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAMS WE HAVE BEEN REDUCED DOWN FROM A 60 SITE PROGRAM, WHERE WE ACTUALLY HAD 06 SITES THROUGHOUT THE -- 60 SITES THROUGH THE CITY. SERVES OUR KIDS FROM 5 TO 12, CAPTURES THOSE KIDS THAT DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO IN THE SUMMER TO COME OUT TO THE TRULY NEIGHBORHOOD ORIENTED SITES, WE HAD TO REDUCE THOSE FROM 60 DOWN TO 30 SITES AT THIS TIME. ANOTHER PROGRAM HAS PROVEN SO SUCCESSFUL. 78 YEARS OLD, SUMMER PLAYGROUND.

CAN YOU TELL ME --

ALSO SUMMER ACTIVITIES INVOLVED WITH YOUTH IN THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. PARTNERED WITH THE COUNTY IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM AND -- AND DAVID LURIE'S PRESENTATION, I WILL GET HIM TO MAKE MENTION OF THOSE NUMBERS, TOO, BECAUSE WE PARTICIPATED --

I KNOW THAT OUR LIBRARIES ARE IMPORTANT PROVIDER OF LEARNING SERVICES AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, ALSO. I HAVEI HAVE SEEN INFORMATION, TEEN ACADEMY, ROVING PROGRAM, TOTALLY COOL TOTALLY ART SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS PROGRAM AND THEN OTHER THING WHEN IT

COMES TO BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES, IN A NICER PLACES TO LIVE OBVIOUSLY IS SOMETHING THAT THE BOOK -- THE TIPPING POINT CHRONICLED THE ACADEMIC RESEARCH ON WAS THAT IF -- YOU KNOW, IF YOU LET YOUR PUBLIC PLACES STOP MAINTAINING THEM, IF THERE'S TRASH LYING AROUND, THINGS LIKE THAT, IT -- IT NOT ONLY DETRACTS FROM THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY, IT MAKES THOSE PUBLIC PLACES NOT AS NICE OF A PLACE TO BE. BUT THROUGH -- AS DEMONSTRATED THE BROKEN WINDOWS THEORY OF CRIME PREVENTION, AREAS THAT AREN'T MAINTAINED WELL ACTUALLY BREED PUBLIC DISORDER IN MORE CRIMINAL -- AND MORE CRIMINAL CONDUCT. I SEE THAT WE ARE MAKING SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR ABILITY TO DO A REAL BASIC FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS MAINTAIN OUR PARKS. CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU SEE THE -- THAT WE ARE STILL SHORT IN THAT AREA.

OUR PARK MAINTENANCE AREA, WE ARE EXTREMELY SHORT IN JUST THOSE -- COUNCILMEMBER YOU TOUCHED ON THEM, JUST THOSE BASIC SERVICE LEVELS. THE ABILITY TO GO OUT THERE AND TAKE CARE OF THOSE VERY MINOR REPAIRS, SUCH AS BROKEN TOILETS AND BROKEN FIXTURES AND LOOSE LITTER AND BROKEN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. THOSE TYPES OF THINGS ARE PROBABLY FROM A MAINTENANCE STANDPOINT, THINGS THAT WE ARE LACKING THE MOST. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, IT'S BEEN MY EXPERIENCE IF YOU GET OUT THERE, TAKE CARE OF THOSE QUICKLY, THE PROBLEM SEEMS TO GO AWAY, TO GO TO ANOTHER SITE. IF YOU WERE TO ASK ME WHERE WE ARE IN MUCH NEED, THAT WOULD BE THE AREA. THAT WOULD BE THE AREA WE WOULD NEED TO ADD ADDITIONAL SERVICE TECHNICIANS TO THE PARKS. THE ABILITY TO GO OUT THERE AND LOOK AT THOSE PARKS AND REPAIR THEM ON A DAILY BASIS IS TRULY CRITICAL BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY, YOU CONTINUALLY DETERIORATE, YOUR INFRASTRUCTURE DETERIORATES IN YOUR PARKS.

Futrell: SINCE YOU CAN TELL THIS IS A POPULAR TOPIC WITH US, TO TALK ABOUT ALL OF THE PLACES SHORT IN THESE AREAS. IT GOES BEYOND JUST REPAIRS. WE ARE NO LONGER DOING DAILY EVEN CLEANING.

THAT'S CORRECT.

SO THE ABILITY TO CLEAN THE RESTROOMS, CLONE OUR PARKS ON A -- CLEAN OUR PARKS ON A DAILY BASIS WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO DO THAT IN ALL OF OUR PARKS BECAUSE OF THE CUTS.

McCracken: THAT'S A PRETTY CRITICAL POINT ABOUT WHEN IT GETS TO THIS -- THAT THERE ARE MULTIPLE PARTS OF THE EQUATION THAT WHEN YOU HAVE PLACES WHERE YOU ARE NOT CLEANING THEM, WHERE THERE'S TRASH LYING AROUND, THINGS ARE BROKEN, IT DOESN'T JUST MAKE THE CITY NOT AS NICE OF A PLACE TO LIVE, IT ALSO DOES BREED DISORDER AND CRIMINAL CONDUCT AND IN FACT NEW YORK CITY IN 1995, I BELIEVE IT WAS, HAD ONE THIRD OF THE NATION'S ENTIRE CRIME REDUCTION OF NEW YORK CITY ALONE AND THEIR INITIAL STRATEGY WAS TO START DOING DAILY CLEANINGS OF THE SUBWAY CARS. AND THAT HAD A DRAMATIC DECREASE IN CRIME IN THE SUBWAY SYSTEM THAT IF THERE WAS ANY GRAFFITI THAT SHOWED ON A SUBWAY CAR, IT WAS NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE END OF THE LINE UNTIL IT WAS CLEANED UP. THEY WENT AND CLEANED UP ALL OF THE SUBWAY STATIONS UNDERGROUND, TOO. SO AS WE FULFILL OUR DUTIES TO MAKE AUSTIN A NICER PLACE TO LIVE, TO BE SAFER, ALSO, IT'S VERY CRITICAL THAT WE ARE ADEQUATELY FUNDING THINGS LIKE PARK MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING OUT THE BATHROOMS AND PICKING UP THE TRASH AND THINGS LIKE THAT WHICH I THINK WE SAW WHEN WE HAD THE COMMUNITY FORUM, SPONSORED THE GREATER AUSTIN HISPANIC CHAMBER, THAT WAS IT THE RIVER CITY YOUTH PROGRAM SHOWED US, A VIDEO ABOUT TRASH LYING AROUND ON THE GROUND IN THE PARKS IN THE DOVE SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD, KIDS TALKING ABOUT HOW THAT NEGATIVE -- HAD A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THEIR SENSE OF PRIDE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. SO I'M GLAD THAT WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS ON THIS. AND I BELIEVE BECAUSE WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO KEEP THE TAX RATE THE SAME AND TARGET MORE RESOURCES TO THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY THAT THIS IS ONE AREA WHERE WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, SUMMER PROGRAMS AND PARK MAINTENANCE.

SOUNDS LIKE A BALANCED APPROACH.

McCracken: YOU GUYS HAVE DONE A GREAT, GREAT JOB IN SOME TOUGH CIRCUMSTANCES. I HOPE THAT WE CAN STEP UP AND HELP YOU DO YOUR JOB BETTER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNCILMEMBER.

THANK YOU.

FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? THANK YOU, MR. STRUSS.

THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY, CHIEF WE HAVE TO PICK UP THE PACE A LITTLE BIT.

WE WILL PICK IT UP. NEXT PRESENTER IS THE DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES, BRENDA BRANCH.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, MS. BRANCH.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR WYNN, MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS AND COUNCILMEMBERS. THE LIBRARY'S BUDGET CAN BE FOUND IN VOLUME 1, PAGES 87 THROUGH 97. LOOKING AT THE RESULTS OF THE CITIZEN SURVEY, THE LIBRARY'S RATINGS ARE HIGH, IN FACT HAVE SHOWN AN INCREASE THIS YEAR DESPITE SEVERE SHORTAGES IN STAFFING AND THIS IS A TESTIMONY TO THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF OUR LIBRARY EMPLOYEES. CUSTOMERS RATED THE AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS AT LIBRARIES AT 81.4%, WHICH IS A 4% INCREASE. THE OVERALL RATING OF LIBRARY SERVICES WAS RATED 87.6, WHICH IS A 11.5% INCREASE. CUSTOMER SATISFACTION WITH YOUTH PROGRAMS, 92.5%, WHICH IS A 2.7% INCREASE. AND THE AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC INTERNET COMPUTERS AT LIBRARIES WAS RATED 87.7, WHICH IS A .4% INCREASE. HERE'S AN OUTLINE OF THE LIBRARY'S BUDGET. TOTAL PROPOSED GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET, \$800,000. WHICH IS A 9% INCREASE. TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET, FOR ALL SOURCES, 19.5 MILLION. WHICH IS A 12.4% INCREASE. TOTAL PROPOSED GENERAL FUND F.T.E.'S,

321.73. WHICH INCLUDES 40.88 NEW F.T.E.'S AND I'LL TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THIS IN DETAIL IN A FEW MINUTES. ADD BACKS AMOUNT TO 1.4 MILLION AND I'LL EXPAND ON THESE ADD BACKS IN JUST A MINUTE, ALSO. SERVICE INCENTIVE ENHANCEMENTS, 213,000. THIS PIE CHART VISUALLY DEPICTS WHERE LIBRARY FUNDING ORIGINATES. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, 95% COMES FROM THE GENERAL FUNDS WITH 4% FROM LIBRARY FEE, ONE PERCENT FROM GRANTS. HERE'S HOW THE 761,000 IN REVENUE BREAKS OUT. AS YOU CAN SEE, THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF REVENUE IN THE LIBRARY IS LIBRARY FINES. AND THAT ACCOUNTS FOR 87%, \$663,000. MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE, \$29,000, PHOTOCOPY, 23,000, NON-RESIDENT -- 22,000, WORK STATIONS 14,000 AND REPLACEMENT CARTS 7,000. CARDS. THIS PIE CHART VISUALLY DEPICTS HOW THE LIBRARY'S 19.5 MILLION IN PROPOSED EXPENDITURES BREAKS OUT BY PERCENTAGES. PUBLIC SERVICES, 64% OF OUR EXPENDITURES. PUBLIC SERVICES BY THE WAY IS CIRCULATION ACTIVITIES, YOUTH PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES. REFERENCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER. COLLECTION SERVICES AMOUNTS TO 14% AND THAT IS MATERIAL SELECTION AND ACQUISITION AND THE CATALOGING OF MATERIALS. THEN SUPPORT SERVICES IS 19% AND THAT IS OUR FACILITIES, EXPENSES SUCH AS MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAL AND SECURITY, I.T., VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, TRAINING, PUBLIC INFORMATION, AND PURCHASING. AND THEN PAY FOR PERFORMANCE AND LIVING WAGE IS ABOUT \$600,000. HERE'S A SUMMARY OF THE HOW THE HIEB BREAKER'S EXPENDITURES BREAKS OUT BY DOLLARS. PUBLIC SERVICES 12.5 MILLION, SUPPORT SERVICES 3.6 MILLION, COLLECTION SERVICES 2.8 MILLION, AND PAID FOR PERFORMANCE AND LIVING WAGE FUNDING 600,000. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS ARE THE LIBRARY ADD BACKS. NUMBER ONE, REOPENING OF ALL BRANCH LIBRARIES IN THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF 1.2 MILLION AND ACCOUNT FOR 33.38 F.T.E.'S. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE LIBRARY. BECAUSE 381,813 CUSTOMERS OR 11% OF OUR CUSTOMER BASE UNABLE TO TO USE BRANCH LIBRARIES OR THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTERS SINCE THEY WERE CLOSED ONE DAY A WEEK. THIS OBVIOUSLY MOST AFFECTS YOUNG CHILDREN WHO DO FOR

THE HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO GO AFTER SCHOOL ON THAT ONE DAY. OTHER SERVICES IMPACT BY THE CLOSING A DAY ARE THE VICTORY PROGRAM, WHICH IS UNAVAILABLE ON THE DAY THAT WE ARE CLOSED WHICH PROVIDES TUTORS FOR AT RISK YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL, NEW IMMIGRANT CENTERS, ESL CLASSES, WIRED FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS, YOUTH PROGRAMS, COMPUTER AND THE WONDERFUL RESOURCES OF THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER. ALL UNAVAILABLE THE ONE DAY A WEEK THAT WE ARE CLOSED. OUR SECOND ADD BACK IS A MANAGING LIBRARIAN POSITION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,000 AND THAT'S ONE F.T.E., CURRENTLY TWO BRANCHES SHARE ONE MANAGING LIBRARIAN. AND THAT REDUCES THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AND INCREASES THEIR MANAGEMENT VULNERABILITIES. OUR THIRD ADD BACK IS AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000 FOR DEPARTMENT-WIDE TRAINING. OUR TRAINING BUDGET HAS DECREASED 63%. SINCE '03. STAFF INPUT INDICATES AN INCREASED NEED FOR RELEVANT TARGETED TRAINING, SUCH AS WORKPLACE ETHICS, WORKING WITH CUSTOMERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, SPANISH FOR THE LIBRARY ENVIRONMENT, DEALING WITH DIFFICULT SITUATION, MEETING THE NEEDS OF -- OF CHILDREN AT VARIOUS AGES. AND SO ON. ANOTHER UNMET NEED FOR TRAINING FUNDS IS TO SEND OUR STAFF TO CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, THIS YEAR THE TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, ANNUAL CONFERENCE, WAS HELD IN AUSTIN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 39 YEARS. BECAUSE WE HAD SUCH LIMITED FUNDING, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO SEND VERY MANY OF OUR STAFF TO THAT TRAINING. THE FOURTH ADD-BACK IS THE CONVERSION OF 2.0 TEMPORARY STORAGE SPECIALIST POSITIONS INTO REGULAR POSITIONS. THIS IS \$65,795 AND 2.0 F.T.E.'S. THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE WORKLOAD OF ALREADY STRETCHED EMPLOYEES, WOULD HAVE TO INCREASE 70% IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE WORKLOAD IN THIS AREA. WHICH AFFECTS THE AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS FOR OUR CUSTOMERS AND INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD OF STAFF INJURIES. THIS AREA CURRENTLY HAS FOUR F.T.E.'S, TO DRIVE FOUR DELIVERY VANS, PICK UP MATERIALS, RETURN TO ALL OF OUR LOCATIONS, ALL 21 FACILITIES, SORT THE MATERIALS BY LOCATION, AND DELIVER THE MATERIALS TO THE APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS.

IN ADDITION, THESE EMPLOYEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SHIPPING OF THE LIBRARY'S BOOKS, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT. THE PHOTO ON THE LEFT IS ONLY ONE-HALF OF ONE DAY'S DELIVERY. TO GIVE YOU JUST A SENSE ABOUT THE WORKLOAD IN THIS AREA. AND ONE DELIVERY AVERAGES 8,000 TO 10,000 VOLUMES. ON THE RIGHT, IS A PHOTO OF A BACKLOG THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS AT ANY GIVEN TIME IN THIS SORTING CENTER. WE WERE FORTUNATE THIS YEAR TO RECEIVE 2.0 TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES, TO GET THE BACKLOG DOWN TO THIS RATHER MANAGEABLE LEVEL. BEFORE WE HAD THOSE 2.0 EMPLOYEES, EVERY EMPLOYEE IN THE LIBRARY OR MOST EMPLOYEES IN THE LIBRARY, INCLUDING ME HAD TO HELP DEAL WITH THE BACKLOG OF MATERIALS. BEFORE WE HAD THESE TWO EMPLOYEES, MATERIALS COULD RESIDE ON A MOUNTAINOUS PILE OF BOOKS FOR MANY MONTHS. RENDERING THEM INACCESSIBLE TO THE CUSTOMERS. WITH THESE TWO EMPLOYEES, THE BACKLOG WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED, AND TURN AROUND TIME WOULD BE THREE TO FIVE DAYS. ALTHOUGH INDUSTRY STANDARD IS 24 HOURS. OUR FIFTH ADD BACK IS AN ADDITION OF 4.5 PAGES OR SHELFERS TO THE LIBRARY SYSTEM. WHICH IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$146,000 AND 4.5 F.T.E.S. TWO FOR JOHN HENRY FOX CENTRAL AND 2.5 FOR BRANCHES, AT JOHN HENRY FALK ITEMS GENERALLY TAKE EVER TO 10 DAYS TO RETURN TO THE SHELF, AGAIN INDUSTRY STANDARD IS 24 HOURS. THE BRANCHES, THE FLOW OF MATERIALS VARIES DEPARTMENTING ON THE -- ON HOW BUSY THE BRANCHES ARE AND WHAT THEIR STAFFING LEVELS ARE. SINCE WE HAVE BEEN CLOSED ONE DAY A WEEK, BACKLOGS HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED. BECAUSE WE HAVE -- WE HAVE CONCENTRATED TIME BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WHERE STAFF CAN WORK TO GET THAT BACKLOG REDUCED. BUT EVEN CLOSED SOME BRANCHES -- HAVE BACKLOGS OF -- OF TWO DAYS, WHICH WOULD BE EIGHT CARTS OR FOUR DAYS, 15 CARTS. AND THIS IS WITH OTHER STAFF PITCHING IN. SO WE NEED TO CLOSE THE GAP. 10 BRANCHES CURRENTLY HAVE NO PAGES, THEY RELY ON CIRCULATION CLERKS TO DO THE SHELVING. THE TWO PHOTOS THAT YOU SEE HERE ARE BACKLOGS OF MATERIALS AT JOHN HENRY FALK AGAIN JUST TO GIVE YOU A SENSE ABOUT HOW BACKLOGGED OUR MATERIALS ARE. ON THE LEFT THOSE ARE CARTS IN FRONTS

OF OUR AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS, OUR AUDIOVISUAL
SHELVING WAITING TO BE SHELVED. ON THE RIGHT IS A ROW
OF CARTS WAITING ON THE THIRD FLOOR WAITING TO GO
DOWN TO THE VARIOUS FLOORS TO BE SHELVED. THE
FOLLOWING ARE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS
FOR THE LIBRARY: BOTH OF THESE PROJECTS WERE
APPROVED IN THE 1998 BOND ELECTION. AND HAVE BEEN
DELAYED FOR TWO YEARS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC
DOWNTURN. 2.9 MILLION IS PROPOSED FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY
REPLACEMENT. NORTH VILLAGE IS OUR SMALLEST BRANCH
5,000 SQUARE FEET LOCATED IN A LEASED FACILITY AND
WILL BE EXPANDED TO TEN THOUSAND SQUARE FEET WHEN
WE MOVE. IN '03-'04 NORTH VILLAGE SERVED 1,086
CUSTOMERS, THE PROJECTED OPENING DATE IS FEBRUARY
OF 08. 1,086 CUSTOMERS. 100-086 CUSTOMERS. TWIN OAK IS
CURRENTLY 5,360 SQUARE FEET, IN A LEASED FACILITY, WILL
EXPAND TO 10,000 SQUARE FEET ALSO WHEN IT MOVES.
THEY SERVED 11,825 CUSTOMERS. TWIN OAKS ALSO
PROVIDES SERVICES TO FOUR SCHOOLS NEARBY IN ITS
SERVICE AREA, FULMORE MIDDLE SCHOOL, TRAVIS HEIGHTS
SCHOOL, SAN JOSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND TRAVIS
HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. IN 2005-2006 THE LIBRARY
HOPES TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING: INCREASE THE
ANNUAL VISITS FROM '04-'05 BY 292,779. AND 9.4 -- A 9.4%
INCREASE. MATERIAL SUPPORT PER CAPITA WILL INCREASE
FROM \$2.01 TO 2.30, A 14.4% INCREASE. THE NUMBER OF
YOUTH PROGRAM ATTENDEES ANNUALLY WILL INCREASE BY
11,936 PER YEAR AND 11.0% INCREASE. AND THE NUMBER OF
VOLUNTEERS ANNUALLY WILL INCREASE BY 198 PER YEAR.
FROM -- FROM A 12.4% INCREASE. THESE ARE A FIEWFT KEY
ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- A FEW OF THE KEY
ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THE LIBRARY FOR 2005. THE
JOINT GRAND OPENING OF THE CARVER MUSEUM AND
LIBRARY IN FEBRUARY OF 2005. SUCCESSFUL FOURTH YEAR
OF THE MAYOR'S BOOK CLUB, KEEP AUSTIN READING
PROGRAM. WITH THE SELECTION OF WRITING AUSTIN'S
LIVES. FIFTH NEW IMMIGRANT CENTER, WHICH OPENED AT
SAINT JOHN BRANCH LIBRARY, WITH FUNDING FROM THE
T.E.A., 21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER'S
GRANT PROGRAM. THE SECOND CHANCE BOOKS, BRINGING
LITERATURE TO INCARCERATED KIDS PROGRAM, WHICH

WON THE 2005 AWARD FOR LITERACY. FOR SETTING UP A SATELLITE LIBRARY AND PRESENTED LITERATURE PROGRAMS AT THE GARDNER-BETTS JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER. HERE ARE A FEW OF THE GOALTION FOR 2006, I WILL MENTION THREE. OPEN THE NEWLY REMODELED TERRAZ IN 2005, THE EXPANDED SPICEWOOD SPRINGS BRANCH LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER OF 2006. GO LIVE WITH THE NEW SIRSI AUTOMATED LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN NOVEMBER OF 2005. WHEN COMPARING AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO OTHERS WHO COMPARE ANNUALLY WE ARE AT THE MID-POINTS WITH VISITS, 4.4 VICHTS PER CAPITA, DESPITE THE TACT THAT ALL BRANCHES WERE CLOSED ONE DAY A WEEK AND THE HISTORY CENTER CLOSED ONE DAY A WEEK, FOUR FACILITIES WERE CLOSED FOR IMPROVEMENTS. AUSTIN CONSISTENTLY HAS A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WITH A LIBRARY CARD. IN FISCAL YEAR '04 IT WAS 76.12 CENTERS, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST -- 76 76.12% THE HIGHEST AMONG REPORTING LIBRARIES. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. BRANCH, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: MS. BRANCH, I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOU PRESENTED WHICH WAS THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT OUR LIBRARIES PLAY IN MAKING SURE THAT THERE ARE AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS, OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS, IN PARTICULAR ACCESS TO COMPUTERS FOR KIDS WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS IN THEIR HOMES. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THE WIRED FOR YOUTH PROGRAM, WHAT THE STATUS OF FUNDING IS AS PROPOSED IN THIS BUDGET?

THAT IS A CRITICAL ROLE FOR THE LIBRARY. I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOU. WIRED FOR YOUTH IS A PROGRAM THAT WAS INITIALLY FUNDED WITH MONEY FROM THE MICHAEL AND SUSAN DELL FOUNDATION, WE HAVE 10 WIRED FOR YOUTH CENTERS ACROSS THE CITY. BEFORE WE HAD THOSE CENTERS IN OUR LIBRARY, WE HAD VERY, VERY FEW TEENAGERS IN OUR LIBRARIES. THOSE 10 CENTERS HAVE MANY MONEYMORE TEENS THAN ANY OTHER LIBRARY HAS. CURRENTLY, WE ARE MISSING THREE WIRED FOR YOUTH

LIBRARIES, TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION LIBRARIANS WHO HELP GUIDE THOSE TEENAGERS WHEN THEY COME IN. THOSE WERE CUT OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. THEY GUIDE THOSE TEENAGERS WHEN THEY COME IN, SHOW THEM HOW TO USE THE COMPUTERS, SPRUCE-INTRODUCE THEM TO THE LIBRARIES AND SERVE AS MENTORS AS WELL FOR THE YOUTH THAT COME IN. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM. IT'S MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE, A HUGE IMPACT IN THE LIBRARIES WHERE WE HAVE THEM.

McCracken: MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THESE LIBRARIANS/MENTORS ACTUALLY HELP THE KIDS DO THEIR HOME WORK, TOO, RIGHT?

THAT'S RIGHT.

McCracken: IF WE WERE TO FUND THE WIRED FOR YOUTH CENTERS IN AN EXPANDED WAY, WHAT ARE SOME -- SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE ON HOW WE COULD EXPAND THE -- THE ABILITY TO BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, GIVE KIDS A POSITIVE OPPORTUNITY AFTER SCHOOL WITH ACCESS TO COMPUTERS AND HOME WORK HELP? HOW COULD YOU --

WELL, OUR TOP PRIORITY WOULD BE TO REPLACE THOSE THREE WIRED FOR YOUTH LIBRARIANS THAT WE HAVE LOST OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, THAT'S ABOUT \$51,000 FOR EACH POSITION.

McCracken: IS THAT PROPOSED CURRENTLY IN THE BUDGET?

IT IS NOT, NO.

McCracken: TO REPLACE THE THREE WIRED FOR YOUTH LIBRARIANS, I GUESS THAT MEANS THAT THOSE LIBRARIANS ARE GONE, THERE'S NO ONE THERE TO HELP THE KIDS OR HELP WITH THEIR HOME WORK OR MENTOR THEM NOW.

KIDS STILL COME IN, NO ONE THERE TO HELP THEM BASICALLY.

McCracken: HOW IS THE AGE AND IS IT THE TUESDAY OF THE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT IN THE -- AGE AND STATUS OF THE

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT IN THE WIRED FOR YOUTH CENTERS?

I THINK THAT IT'S GENERALLY OKAY. I THINK WE ARE KEEPING UP WITH THE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

McCracken: WITH THE PROPOSED INCREASES IN THE LIBRARY BUDGET TO OPEN LIBRARIES ANOTHER DAY A WEEK, DOES THAT MEAN THAT WE WILL NOW BE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AT OUR BRANCHES?

NO, BRANCHES WERE BEFORE THE CUTS OPEN FOR THE MAJORITY SIX DAYS A WEEK. THERE ARE THREE THAT ARE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK THAT WILL BE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK WHEN WE REOPEN THE ADDITIONAL DAY.

McCracken: WHICH BRANCHES WILL NOW BE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A A WEEK?

LITTLE WALNUT, MANCHACA AND CARTER. OPENS ON SUNDAYS.

THE MICROPHONE BLURRED THAT TOGETHER.

LITTLE WALNUT CREEK, CARVER BRANCH AND MANCHACA BRANCH, THOSE ARE THE THREE BRANCHES THAT BEFORE CUTS WERE OPEN ON SUNDAYS. AND THEY WILL REMAIN OPEN ON SUNDAYS, THE SUNDAY HOURS WERE NOT CUT. SO THE REST OF THE BRANCHES WERE NOT OPEN ON SUNDAY PREVIOUSLY AND THEY WILL NOT BE OPEN ON SUNDAY.

McCracken: IF THERE WERE -- SOUNDS LIKE AT LEAST ON SEVEN OF THE PLACE THAT'S WE HAVE THE WIRED FOR YOUTH CENTERS AND THERE BY HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS TO HAVE ACCESS TO COMPUTERS, HAVE SCHOOL WORK HELP WITH THEIR HOME WORK, THOSE ARE NOT OPEN ON SUNDAYS, IS THAT RIGHT THEN?

A -- WELL, LET'S SEE. TWO OF THOSE BRANCHES ARE OPEN ON SUNDAY. CARVER AND MANCHACA.

McCracken: THERE ARE 10 TOTAL WIRED FOR --

10 COLT WIRED FOR YOUTH -- 10 TOTAL.

OF THE THREE LISTED --

EIGHT BRANCH LIBRARIES THAT -- MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE WIRED FOR YOUTH CENTERS ARE PRIMARILY LOCATED IN PLACES WHERE WE NOTE THAT -- THERE ARE A LOT OF FAMILIES WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE COMPUTERS IN THE HOME; IS THAT RIGHT?

THAT'S CORRECT.

McCracken: I GUESS THAT I WOULD LIKE SOME ESTIMATE IF WE COULD DO SOME TARGETED ABILITY TO OPEN THE BRANCH LIBRARIES WHERE THE WIRED FOR YOUTH CENTERS ARE SO THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT KIDS WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO COMPUTERS, FAMILIES THAT DON'T, WOULD HAVE ACCESS. JUST WHAT THAT COST WOULD BE.

JUST TO CLARIFY YOUR QUESTION, THE BRANCH -- WE ARE PROPOSING TO OPEN THE BRANCHES, MANY OF WHICH WERE OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK. THEY WERE ALWAYS OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK, WE CUT THEM BACK TO FIVE. WHAT YOU ARE ASKING IS THE ADDITIONAL TWO WIRED FOR YOUTH BRANCHES THAT WERE HISTORICALLY OPEN FOR SIX DAYS, YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE COST WOULD BE TO OPEN A SEVENTH?

McCracken: NO. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET HAS THREE BRANCHES NOW GOING TO SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, RIGHT?

WE ALWAYS HAD THREE BRANCHES SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. THAT WAS NOT AFFECTED BY THE REDUCTION IN HOURS. THE DAYS THAT WE WERE CLOSED WERE THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS. WE ALTERNATED. HALF OF THE BRANCHES CLOSED ON THURSDAYS, HALF CLOSED ON FRIDAYS. WE PAIRED BRANCHES SO IN ANY AREA WHEN ONE BRANCH WAS CLOSED CUSTOMERS COULD GET TO ANOTHER FAIRLY CONVENIENTLY. WE NEVER HAD MORE THAN THREE

BRANCHES THAT HAD SUNDAY HOURS.

McCracken: SO FOR SOME REASON I THOUGHT THAT WE AT ONE POINT HAD A SEVEN DAY BRANCH SYSTEM, THAT THE FIRST ROUND OF BUDGET CUTS TO SIX, THEN TO FIVE.

NO. MOST OF THE BRANCHES WERE OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK WITH A CENTRAL ALONG WITH A COUPLE OF BRANCHES OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND WE CUT EACH OF THE BRANCHES BACK SO THOSE THAT WERE OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK WENT TO FIVE.

OKAY. I GUESS WHAT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU ALL DID HAVE THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT -- ABOUT WHETHER THERE IS A NEED IN THESE WIRED FOR YOUTH CENTERS ON THE CLOSED DAY, YOU KNOW, FOR -- FIRST OF ALL, IS THERE A NEED? SECOND, IF SO, WHAT WOULD BE THE COST OF OPENING THE DAY.

YES, SIR.

BECAUSE IF WE LOOK AT THE -- YOU KNOW AT THE TOTAL WORK WE DO IN THIS COMMUNITY, MAKING SURE THAT KIDS HAVE A PLACE TO GO TO HAVE ACCESS TO COMPUTERS, MENTORING, HOW TO DO THEIR HOME WORK, THAT'S A REAL IMPORTANT PART OF HELPING FAMILIES AND KIDS GET AHEAD.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, MAYOR.

Alvarez: YOU MENTIONED THERE ARE TWO LIBRARIES SHARING A MANAGING LIBRARIAN.

BRANCH MANAGERS, CORRECT.

Alvarez: BASICALLY. WHAT ARE THOSE TWO -- TWO LIBRARIES.

WELL, IT MOVES AROUND. IT WAS PREVIOUSLY CARVER AND TERRASAZ BRANCH. WE HAVE BEEN CLOSING SOME FACILITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT, SO WE MOVED THEM AROUND. TERRAZAS. THAT'S WHAT IT IS CURRENTLY,

CARVER AND TERRAZAS?

WE JUST HIRED A CARVER LIBRARIAN, NOW IT'S LITTLE WALNUT AND TERRAZAS THAT ARE SHARING.

Alvarez: THEN TERRAZAS IS SLATED TO OPEN UP EARLY IN THE FISCAL YEAR I THINK? THE EXPANSION OF WILL BE COMPLETED PRETTY SOON, I THINK, BUT IN TERMS OF THE OPENING WHEN DO YOU THINK THAT WOULD HAPPEN?

THE OPENING FOR TERRAZAS, THE OPENING DATE? SEPTEMBER 2nd.

Alvarez: SEPTEMBER 2nd FOR THOSE VIEWERS AT HOME WHO ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING FOR THE REOPENING OF TERRAZAS. WELL, THANK YOU. THEN THE OTHER ONE THAT I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT THIS SIRSI AUTOMATED LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. WHAT THAT WILL DO FOR US FROM AN OPERATIONAL STANDPOINT.

THAT'S OUR NEW AUTOMATED LIBRARY SYSTEM. REPLACED THE DRA SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE CURRENT LIMIT THE CUSTOMERS WILL SEE SOME BENEFITS RIGHT AWAY. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO RENEW BOOKS BY TELEPHONE ON WHICH THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO PREVIOUSLY. THEY CAN CREATE PROFILES FOR THEMSELVES, THE SYSTEM WILL AUTOMATICALLY ALERT THEM WHEN SOMETHING THAT THEY LIKE TO READ COMES IN, THAT SORT OF A BOOK. IT WILL TRACK ACQUISITION -- BOOKS THROUGH THE ACQUISITION PROCESS SO YOU WILL KNOW WHEN A BOOK HAS BEEN ORDERED, WHERE IT IS IN THE PROCESS AND WHEN IT'S EXPECTED TO COME INTO THE LIBRARY. IT WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN A BOOK IS DUE TO COME BACK OR EXPECTED TO COME BACK. ALL OF WHICH OUR CURRENT SYSTEM DOES NOT DO. THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS, BUT THOSE ARE PROBABLY THE THINGS THAT THE CUSTOMERS WILL SEE.

Alvarez: A LOT OF THAT IS ELECTRONIC? ARE THOSE -- ARE THOSE ELECTRONIC SERVICES?

YES, UH-HUH.

FOR THE MOST PART.

YES, THEY ARE.

Alvarez: THEN FINALLY, IT LOOKS LIKE ON -- IN TERMS OF THE -- IN THE FACILITY EXPANSIONS OR RENOVATIONS, WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH VILLAGE BRANCH? AND WHERE IS THAT -- WHERE IS THAT LOCATED IN.

ON STECK AVENUE.

ON STECK AVENUE.

THIS WOULD BE -- REPLACEMENT PROJECTS. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN EXACTLY IS THAT YOU ARE ACTUALLY BUILDING SOMETHING NEW OR REBUILDING IT ALTOGETHER?

IT WILL BE A BRAND NEW BUILDING. NORTH VILLAGE IS CURRENTLY IN A LEASE SPACE OF ABOUT 5,000 SQUARE FEET. IT WILL BE MOVING A FEW BLOCKS DOWN TO STECK AVENUE. WILL BE WILLING A 10,000 SQUARE FOOT.

BRAND NEW, BRAND NEW FACILITY.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

I WANTED TO ASK YOU, TIED TO THE PARKS QUESTION ABOUT IT, WHAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THERE ARE AT LIBRARIES.

WE HAVE CURRENTLY ABOUT 1600 VOLUNTEERS. WE HAVE A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR WHO VERY CAREFULLY TRACKS THEIR VOLUNTEER TIME. WE ARE HOPING TO EXPAND THAT BY ABOUT 200 NEXT YEAR. SO WE WILL HAVE ABOUT 1800.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST I GUESS MOST POPULAR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE LEAST POPULAR IN TERMS OF ACTIVITIES THAT THEY SELECT. I CAN IMAGINE STACKING BOOKS [MULTIPLE VOICES] RESHELVING BOOKS --

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO REALLY DO LIKE SHELVING BOOKS.

Kim: THEY DO? OKAY.

WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO COME IN AND HELP THE CUSTOMERS USE OURSELF CHECK STATIONS. WHO GREET PEOPLE AT THE FRONT DOOR AND GUIDE THEM TO WHERE THEY NEED TO GO IN THE LIBRARY. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO HELP US WITH OUR COLLECTION, FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE TO PUT UPDATE OUR -- OUR -- SOME OF OUR PERIODICALS, THEY CAN HELP US WITH THAT. REALLY JUST ABOUT ALMOST ANYTHING THAT WE DO, THEY CAN DO.

OKAY.

TO HELP US.

Kim: CAN YOU GET ME SOME INFORMATION AT SOME POINT ABOUT THE LANGUAGES, THE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES OF THE AREAS THAT -- THAT EACH LIBRARY SERVES, FOR EXAMPLE VIETNAMESE IS THE PREDOMINANT LANGUAGE, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE BOOKS IN VIETNAMESE OVER BY WALNUT CREEK, CAN YOU PROVIDE ANY INSIGHTS --

I CAN GIVE YOU SOME OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD THEN SOME IN DEPTH INFORMATION. WE HAVE SEVERAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN COLLECTIONS, SEVERAL HISPANIC COLLECTIONS. WE HAVE SEVERAL ASIAN COLLECTIONS. THERE HE IS A LARGE ASIAN COMMUNITY NEAR LITTLE WALNUT CREEK. WE SPEND ABOUT \$60,000 A YEAR ON WORLD LANGUAGE COLLECTIONS. AND -- AND WE ARE BUILDING THAT EVERY YEAR WE ARE TRYING TO -- TRYING TO BUILD -- WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS HAVE SOME WORLD LANGUAGE COLLECTIONS EVERYWHERE IN THE SYSTEM. SO THAT PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO GO TO LITTLE WALNUT FOR EXAMPLE TO FIND SOMETHING IN VIETNAMESE FOR EXAMPLE. BUT THEN WE ARE BUILDING CONCENTRATED IN DEPTH COLLECTIONS IN THE AREAS WHERE THERE'S CONCENTRATED POPULATIONS THAT SPEAK A PARTICULAR LANGUAGE.

Kim: HOW DO YOU GET I PUT ON WHAT WE THEY WOULD LIKE

TO READ.

WATCHING WHAT THEY CHECK OUT, INPUT FROM THE CUSTOMERS, TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT THEIR INTERESTS ARE.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS FOR MS. BRANCH? MAYOR PRO TEM?

Thomas: JUST ONE QUESTION. YOU HAD ON THE DELAY OF CLOSING, IS THAT ON -- ONE LIBRARY, I THINK IT'S OFF OF -- IT'S NOT LITTLE WALNUT CREEK, IS IT?

NO, IT'S TWIN OAKS AND -- NORTH VILLAGE. THOSE WERE THE TWO THAT WERE DELAYED FOR TWO YEARS. TWIN OAKS IS CONGRESS AND -- OLTORF, I WENT BLANK FOR A MINUTE.

Thomas: DIDN'T YOU HAVE ONE FOR RENOVATION.

WE HAVE SEVERAL RENOVATIONS THAT ARE PLANNED.

Thomas: OKAY. I WILL GET BACK WITH YOU ON THAT. I JUST WONDERED HOW LONG -- IS THERE ANY WAY POSSIBLE COULD WE SHORTEN THAT? I NOITS EIGHT MONTHS --

I KNOW WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE LITTLE WALNUT CREEK RENOVATION. ACTUALLY JOHN GILLHAM WHO IS HERE TODAY, HAS WORKED VERY HARD WITH PUBLIC WORKS TO TRY TO SHORTEN THE TIME PERIOD. BUT IT'S A VERY COMPLICATED RENOVATION. THE PARKING LOT FOR EXAMPLE HAS TO BE COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED AND REDONE GOES ATING AND VENTILATION.

Thomas: I WILL GET WITH HIM LATER.

Futrell: WE ARE ALL GANGING UP ON JOHN HERE. THERE IN THE BACK. WE ARE WORKING ON IT. WE ARE THINKING -- WE ARE DISCUSSING WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE INCENTIVES OR DIFFERENT WAYS WE CAN WORK TOWARDS IT. WE KNOW THAT IT'S AN ISSUE. WE MAY EVEN TRY TO EVALUATE

WHETHER PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION IN THE INTERIM BECAUSE ONE OF THE LIBRARIES IN THE AREA ACROSS 183 WHICH WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO GET TO. THE OTHER LIBRARY WHILE IT'S CLOSED.

OKAY. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

Mayor Wynn: CHIEF?

MAYOR, NEXT IS THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WITH OUR DIRECTOR DAVID LURIE. >>

Mayor Wynn: MR. LURIE, WELCOME.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, THANKS, CHIEF MCDONALD. JUST A COUPLE OF QUICK OPENING COMMENTS REGARDING THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET. AND WE HAVE A BIT OF A COMMON THEME GOING HERE. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS WE EXPERIENCED A REDUCTION OF ABOUT 82 F.T.E.'S WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, AND ABOUT \$6.4 MILLION, ABOUT 25% OF OUR GENERAL FUND SUPPORT FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. THE MISSION OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY TO PROMOTE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELL-BEING. AND THAT PARTNERSHIP IS EXTREMELY CRITICAL. AND AS YOU WILL SEE WITHIN OUR BUDGET, THAT IS VERY CLEARLY REFLECTED IN TERMS OF OUR PROGRAMMING THAT WE HAVE GOING IN THE AREA OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. ALSO, I WANT TO BRIEFLY MENTION THE ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO CLARIFY THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND THOSE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED THROUGH THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT. THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT IS FOCUSED ON INDIGENT CARE, PROVIDING HEALTH CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE OR DO NOT HAVE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OF THOSE INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY. WHEREAS PUBLIC HEALTH IS MORE OF A PROTECTION ROLE. THE ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS TO PROTECT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY FROM THINGS SUCH AS EPIDEMIC, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS AND ALSO PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITED-WIDE AND PREVENTING DISEASE. AS WE

WALK THROUGH SOME OF THE PROGRAMS AND SOME OF THE AREAS WHERE WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE VULNERABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH SOME OF OUR PAST REDUCTIONS AND RESOURCES, I HOPE IT WILL BE CLEAR TO YOU HOW THE PUBLIC HEALTH ROLE IS IMPORTANT RELATIVE TO THESE PARTICULAR INVESTMENTS. IN TERMS OF THE CITIZENS SURVEY RESULTS OVERALL, AGAIN, KEEPING IN MIND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE HAD SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, WE STILL HAVE GENERALLY POSITIVE SATISFACTION REFLECTED IN THE CITIZENS SURVEY RESULTS. THE DIFFERENCES FROM YEAR TO YEAR ARE STATISTICALLY INSIGNIFICANT AND THOSE AREAS WHERE YOU SEE AN N.A. THAT IS BECAUSE WE DID NOT HAVE A QUESTION ON THE SURVEY FOR THOSE ITEMS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. BUDGET FACTS FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE AN OVERALL BUDGET OF 51.8 MILLION. INCLUDED WITH THAT IS A GENERAL FUND REVENUE OF 3.7 AND WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL SLIDE THAT PROVIDES THE SPECIFICATIONS IN TERMS OF THAT GENERAL FUND REVENUE. THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES 455.5 F.T.E.'S, INCLUDING 11 NEW F.T.E.'S, AGAIN, ASSOCIATED WITH REINVESTMENT RELATIVE TO THESE POTENTIAL VULNERABILITIES AND SOME ADDITIONAL ADD BACKS THAT I WILL SPECIFY AS WE PROCEED. ONE TIME CRITICAL ITEMS IN THE ANIMAL SERVICES, WE ARE NEEDING TO REPLACE TWO CAGES ON OUR TRANSPORT UNITS, AND ALSO REPLACING AND OVERHANG AT THE KENNEL. WITH THE AUSTIN RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS, WE HAVE FOUND THROUGH EXPERIENCE WITH THIS PROGRAM THAT BECAUSE OF THE HIGH DEMAND FOR SERVICES, WE NEED TO PROVIDE FOR MORE CASE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT AND CASE MANAGEMENT IS VERY IMPORTANT IN THAT ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE THAT ASSISTS INDIVIDUALS IN POTENTIALLY TRANSITIONING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS BY IDENTIFYING THEIR NEEDS AND PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES. AND ALSO WE HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL CUSTODIAL NEEDS AT THAT FACILITY. THE NEXT SLIDE IS A REFLECTION OF OUR REVENUES. AS YOU CAN SEE, GENERAL FUND SUPPORT APPROXIMATELY 48%. 34% OF OUR BUDGET IS SUPPORTED BY GRANTS. WE'VE RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR HEALTH

AND HUMAN SERVICES. AND IN A SENSE THIS IS AN AREA ALSO OF POTENTIAL VULNERABILITY BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE REDUCTIONS THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST AND MAY CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE IN GRANT SUPPORT. SOME OF THE LARGER GRANTS INCLUDE THE SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN. WE HAVE A LARGE GRANT FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, ABOUT TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN OUR STEPS TO HEALTHIER AUSTIN PROGRAM, WHICH IS FOCUSED ON WELLNESS AND PREVENTION AND PARTICULARLY CHRONIC DISEASES, DIABETES, ASTHMA, TOBACCO USE AND FOCUSING AS WELL ON INCREASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION. AND A LOT OF THE DISCUSSION EARLIER ABOUT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVED TRAILS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE INTERVENTION AREA FOR THE STEPS GRANT, WHICH IS BASICALLY THE EASTERN HALF OF TRAVIS COUNTY. THERE'S A VERY CLOSE CONNECTION WITH PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE SCHOOLS, AND WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THIS VERY AGGRESSIVE INITIATIVE TO HELP PREVENT THESE CHRONIC DISEASES AND IN OTHER INSTANCES DO A BETTER JOB OF MANAGING OR CONTROLLING CHRONIC DISEASES TO PREVENT COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THEM. ANOTHER COUPLE OF COMMENTS REGARDING OUR REVENUES, WE HAVE WHAT WE CALL TRAVIS COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT. WE ARE CITY-COUNTY AGRICULTURE IN THE AREA OF PUBLIC HEALTH. IN PARTICULAR WE'RE PROVIDING SERVICE ON A COUNTY WIDE BASIS, ALSO IN HUMAN SERVICES WE DO A LOT OF WORK IN TRAVIS COUNTY AND WE'VE RECEIVED REIMBURSEMENT FROM TRAVIS COUNTY FOR THEIR FAIR SHARE OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE SERVICES: ANOTHER FUNDING SOURCE IS THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND WHICH WAS CREATED BY THE COUNCIL BACK IN 2000, 2001 TO PROVIDE RESOURCES THAT WOULD HELP THE CITY BUILD A SUSTAINABLE, ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND EQUITABLE INFRASTRUCTURE. AND WE HAVE ABOUT \$3.3 MILLION FROM THAT FUND THAT WE USE PRIMARILY FOR WORK SOURCE AND CHILD CARE. THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE, 3.6 MILLION, OUR PRIMARY REVENUE SOURCES ASSOCIATED WITH FEES INCLUDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND

CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAM, SO THAT INCLUDES THINGS SUCH AS PERMITS FOR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, SWIMMING POOLS AND RELATED INSPECTION ACTIVITIES. WE ALSO RECEIVE FEES FOR OUR ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM, THINGS LIKE ADOPTION FEES, LICENSES AND PET REGISTRATION. AND THEN OUR VITAL RECORDS, THOSE ARE BIRTH AND -- BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS, WE RECEIVE FEES FOR THOSE AS WELL. IN TERMS OF EXPENDITURES, 40% OF OUR BUDGET IS USED FOR SOCIAL SERVICES. ABOUT 14 MILLION OF THIS IS FOR CONTRACTS WITH SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES. AND ANOTHER SIX MILLION IS FOR BASIC NEEDS RELATED SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE AT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. IN ADDITION, TRAVIS COUNTY PROVIDES ABOUT \$6 MILLION FOR SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACTING AS WELL. THEN ABOUT 37% OF OUR BUDGET IS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED ACTIVITIES. OUR EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM, AS I MENTIONED, SOCIAL SERVICES, 20.8 MILLION, AND THIS INCLUDES ACTIVITIES SUCH AS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS, CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, AND OTHER BASIC NEEDS RELATED SERVICES. OUR HEALTH PROMOTION DISEASE PREVENTION INCLUDES THE SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM FOR NUTRITION FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN, CHRONIC DISEASE AND PREVENTION, AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INCLUDES THINGS SUCH AS SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, TUBERCULOSIS, AIDS, HIV AND DISEASE SURVEILLANCE. DISEASE SURVEILLANCE IS A VERY IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY, AND PARTICULARLY AS WE'RE FOCUSING MORE ON COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS, WE'RE DOING A LOT TO ENHANCE OUR DISEASE SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES.

OUR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, BECAUSE WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF GRANTS, THERE'S SORT OF AN INORDINATE REQUIREMENT ON US ADMINISTRATIVELY IN TERMS OF MONITORING THOSE RESOURCES, PROVIDING APPROPRIATE REPORTS AND SO FORTH. SO IT PUTS A LITTLE ADDITIONAL BURDEN, IF YOU WILL, ON OUR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FUNCTIONS. AND I ALSO MIGHT ADD THAT AS WE WERE GOING THROUGH THESE REALLY

DIFFICULT BUDGET REDUCTIONS OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, ADMINISTRATION WAS AN AREA WHERE WE REDUCED A DISPROPORTIONATELY IN THE INTEREST OF TRYING TO SUSTAIN AS MUCH DIRECT SERVICE AS WE POSSIBLY COULD, BUT THAT SUPPORT IS CRITICAL FOR US TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THESE RESOURCES FOR WHAT WE'RE DOING IN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. OUR ROLE RELATED TO THE ONE TOP SHOP IS PLAN, REVIEW AND INSPECTIONS RELATED TO NEW FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS. HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS BUDGET, AGAIN REFERRING TO SOME OF OUR POTENTIAL JULYNER RABILITIES, THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES THE RESTORATION IN SOCIAL SERVICES OF \$573,000. THIS IS THE FIVE PERCENT REDUCTION THAT WE IMPLEMENTED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, SO AGAIN ALL OF THOSE SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES I WAS MENTIONING, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, CHILD CARE, SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS AND SO FORTH, THESE WOULD BE AREAS THAT WOULD RECEIVE SOME ENHANCEMENT WITH THIS -- WITH THIS RESTORATION, AND SPECIFICALLY IT INCLUDES THE ADDITIONAL 108,000 FOR CASE MANAGEMENT AND CUSTODIAL SERVICES AT OUR RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS. THE ENHANCEMENTS ALSO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL SAN TEARIUMS. THIS IS IN OUR FOOD INSPECTIONS PROGRAM. OUR GOAL FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE IS TO INSPECT ON THE AVERAGE EVERY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT IN THE COMMUNITY TWICE PER YEAR. CURRENTLY WE'RE AVERAGING ABOUT 1.7, AND FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE OUT THERE FREQUENTLY ON A REGULAR BASIS CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS, PROVIDING EDUCATION AND SUPPORT TO FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, FOOD HANDLERS AND SO FORTH TO PREVENT FOODBORNE OUTBREAKS IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO WE VERY MUCH WANT TO ACHIEVE THAT OVERALL GOAL OF AVERAGING TWO INSPECTIONS PER YEAR, AND THAT WOULD REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL FOUR SANITARIANS. IN OUR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROGRAM, THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES FOUR ADDITIONAL F.T.E.'S. OUR PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL HERE IS THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL PRESENTING AT OUR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CLINICS IS SEEN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE NEED TO DO SCREENING. IF PEOPLE NEED SERVICES, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THOSE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED. AND FROM A PUBLIC

HEALTH PERSPECTIVE, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE READY ACCESS AND THAT WE IDENTIFY OTHER POTENTIAL EXPOSURES OR CONTACTS SO WE CAN FOLLOW UP AND GET OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN FOR SCREENING AND TREATMENT AS APPROPRIATE. RIGHT NOW WE'RE AVERAGING ABOUT 75% OF INDIVIDUALS PRESENTING ARE SEEN THE SAME DAY. AND OUR GOAL IS TO GET TO AT LEAST 90% OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS PRESENTING ARE SERVED THAT DAY. AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT, WE WILL NEED AN ADDITIONAL FOUR F.T.E.'S WITHIN THAT PROGRAM, AND THAT'S ABOUT \$113,000. IN ADDITION, RELATED TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, WE'RE PROPOSING AN ADDITIONAL MEDICAL-SOCIAL WORKER WORKING WITH A TEAM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. AND THIS IS SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON HIV PREVENTION AND SCREENING. AND I WOULD JUST REFER YOU TO THE NEXT SLIDE WHERE WE SHOW SOME OF OUR PERFORMANCE MEASURES, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, AS A COMMUNITY WE'RE PRETTY STABLE IN TERMS OF THESE VARIOUS MEASURES. BUT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE INCIDENT RATES FOR AIDS AND HIV, ALTHOUGH CURRENTLY PRETTY STABLE IN TERMS OF NEWLY REPORTED CASES, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS WE'VE SEEN A DRAMATIC CHANGE IN TERMS OF THE POPULATION AFFECTED BY HIV. AND THAT IS PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION AND MORE SPECIFICALLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. SO IT IS OUR GOAL WITH THIS ADDITIONAL OUTREACH WORKER, MEDICAL, SOCIAL WORKER AND OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY AND SEVERAL OTHER INITIATIVES WE HAVE UNDERWAY RELATED TO HIV AND SPECIFICALLY HIV WITHIN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION, THAT THIS ADDITIONAL POSITION WOULD BE FOCUSED ON THAT EFFORT. GENERALLY I WOULD SAY -- I GUESS THE OTHER COUPLE OF THINGS I MIGHT POINT OUT IN TERMS OF THE MEASURES HERE, FOODBORNE ILLNESS IS A VERY SORT OF VOLATILE NUMBER BECAUSE ALL YOU NEED IS ONE OUTBREAK, AND IT CAN THROW YOUR RATE OFF SIGNIFICANTLY, SO WE NEED TO SORT OF MONITOR THAT OVER TIME. AND THEN WE ALSO NEED TO FACTOR IN IF WE HAVE A PARTICULAR INCIDENT THAT TENDS TO SKEW THAT NUMBER FOR THAT -- FOR THE TIME PERIOD. ON THE TEEN PREGNANCY RATE, I'M GOING TO COMMENT A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THIS IN A LATER SLIDE,

BUT I THINK WHAT'S IMPORTANT THERE IS TO RECOGNIZE WHAT HAS HAPPENED OVER TIME RELATIVE TO THE TEEN PREGNANCY RATE, BOTH IN TOTAL AND IN COMPARED TO OTHER METROPOLITAN COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO WE HAD THE HIGHEST RATE AMONG URBAN COUNTIES. WE NOW HAVE ONE OF THE LOWEST RATES AMONG URBAN COUNTIES. AND, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN YOU SEE WE'RE IN THE 27 TO 30 RANGE, THAT IS PER THOUSAND, GOING BACK TO 1990 THE RATE WAS 49.88. AND IN 2000 THE RATE WAS 36.58. SO WE'RE SEEING GOOD PROGRESS THERE, BOTH IN TERMS OF THE OVERALL RATE AND, AS YOU WILL SEE IN A LATER SLIDE, COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING TO OTHER COMMUNITIES. KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS. YOU HAVE THE LIST HERE, I'M JUST GOING TO COMMENT ON A COUPLE. WE'RE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH TRAVIS COUNTY ON OUR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. YOU SHOULD SEE WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO A PROPOSED NEW INTERLOCAL. THE INTERLOCALS THAT ARE IN PLACE NOW ARE REALLY OUTDATED, PRETTY MUCH OBSOLETE. WE'VE GOT MANY, MANY OF THEM IN EXCESS I THINK OF 20 OR 25. WE'RE GOING TO COLLAPSE ALL OF THAT INTO ONE AGREEMENT, STREAMLINE IT ADD ADMINISTRATIVELY AND CREATE IT AS BASICALLY A PURCHASE OF SERVICE ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY WE WILL PRESENT TO THE COUNTY A MENU OF SERVICES, A PRICE FOR THOSE SERVICES, AND THEY HOPEFULLY CAN PICK AND CHOOSE WHAT THEY WANT TO PURCHASE AND THEN WE HAVE A FIXED PRICE ARRANGEMENT AND AVOID A LOT OF THE EXCESSIVE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES THAT WE NOW HAVE RELATED TO THE VARIOUS INTERLOCALS AND THAT RELATIONSHIP. AND SO FAR WE RECEIVED A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM TRAVIS COUNTY ON THAT. YOU TALKED EARLIER ABOUT THE PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS A LARGE FEDERAL INITIATIVE. ALTHOUGH WE NOW I THINK HAVE A GOOD PLAN, WE CERTAINLY HAVE A LOT OF VISIBILITY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AND WE'VE TRIED TO MOVE AROUND SOME VERY LIMITED RESOURCES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND AMONG OUR PARTNERS TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE PLAN. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT SOME OF THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THAT

PLAN, PERMANENT HOUSING, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ARE VERY, VERY EXPENSIVE AND GO FAR BEYOND THE RESOURCES THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE. AND ALTHOUGH AS I SAY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT A PRIORITY FOR THIS PLAN, WE'VE NOT SEEN A MAJOR INFUSION OF RESOURCES. OUR FLU VACCINE PROGRAM, WE HAD A MAJOR SHORTAGE LAST YEAR, BUT I'M VERY PROUD OF THE EFFORT WE MADE LOCALLY. WE VACCINATED OVER 10,000 PEOPLE WITH OUR PARTNERS AND WE REACHED THOSE, EBL, WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE AND AT RISK FROM THE FLU. IT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN. I MENTIONED THE STEPS TO A HEALTHIER AUSTIN GRANT. WE'VE MADE GREAT PROGRESS WITH OUR PARTNERS THERE AND THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PRIORITY FOCUS FOR US OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SHANNON JONES HAS DONE A LOT OF WORK ON THE DISPARITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION. I THINK IT'S FACILITATED A VERY PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND THE INFORMATION COMING FROM THAT WORK IS GOING TO HELP INFORM US AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS AS WE PARTICIPATE IN THE LARGER CITYWIDE QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS. WE ALSO DID A LOT OF WORK WITH THE MAYOR'S TASKFORCE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND THERE'S SOME VERY CHALLENGING RECOMMENDATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH WHAT HAS COME OUT OF THAT PROCESS. SO AGAIN, GOALS FOR '06, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES TEAM ON THE HEALTH PART OF THAT AND THE AMANDA PROJECT, WE'RE GOING TO NOW HAVE HAND-HELD COMPUTERS THAT WILL ENABLE OUR FIELD INSPECTION STAFF TO BE A LOT MORE EFFICIENT TO DO THEIR INSPECTIONS, TO CREATE REPORTS IN THE FIELD. WE'RE CONTINUING TO DO A LOT OF WORK IN TERMS OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, ENHANCING OUR CAPACITY THERE. THE STEPS TO A HEALTHIER AUSTIN UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DR. VALDEZ IS DOING SOME GREAT WORK THERE, AGAIN, ON PREVENTION ASSOCIATED WITH THESE CHRONIC DISEASES. AND YOU CAN SEE SOME OF THE OTHER PROJECTS THAT WE'RE WORKING ON. WE HAVE SOME COMPARATIVE DATA

HERE. HIV AND AIDS, AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE KIND OF IN THE MIDDLE GROUND HERE. WE'RE DOING QUITE A BIT BETTER THAN SOME OF THE LARGE METROPOLITAN AREAS, BUT NOT QUITE AS WELL AS SOME OTHERS. THE REPORTING OF HIV IS STILL RELATIVELY NEW, SO IN SOME INSTANCES I THINK THE VALIDITY OF THE DATA SPECIFICALLY TO HIV STILL NEEDS TO BE WORKED ON AND LOOKED AT OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. AND FINALLY, OUR ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM, WHICH IS LED BY DORINDA PULL YAM, HAS DONE GOOD WORK IN TRYING TO KEEP DOWN THE YIEWTH EUTHANASIA WORK. WE WANT TO DO MORE WORK IN TERMS OF PREVENTION. MORE SPAY AND NEUTER ACTIVITIES, MORE EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE WE HAVE MORE PET OIP AND WHERE WE -- PET OWNERSHIP AND WHERE WITH WE DON'T HAVE THE NEED FOR SO MANY SHELTERS. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE GOOD WORK OF MELANIE MILLER AND OUR STAFF IN THE FINANCIAL SERVICES AREA IN HELPING US TO PUT TOGETHER THIS BUDGET FOR YOU. THANK YOU. I HAVE ONE LINE I SKIPPED OVER. THIS AS I WAS SAYING IS THE TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION RATE, COMPARING US TO LARGE METROPOLITAN AREAS IN TEXAS. AND THIS IS THE ONE WHERE, AS I WAS INDICATING, FIVE, SIX YEARS AGO WE WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT ON THE FAR END OF THIS SCALE. AND THIS IS VERY GOOD NEWS THAT WE ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS AND COMPARING MUCH MORE FAVORABLY THROUGHOUT THE STATE. JUST A COUPLE OF QUICK COMMENTS IN TERMS OF SOME THINGS THAT WERE DISCUSSED EARLIER. THE ESL PROGRAM WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED 50/50, THAT IS 50,000 THROUGH CDBG AND 50,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, IS NOW IN THIS PROPOSED BUDGET TO BE FUNDED 20,000 FROM CDBG AS YOU DISCUSSED EARLIER, AND THEN 80,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, WITH US REDIRECTING SOME OF THE REINVESTMENT MONEY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES. SO THE NET EFFECT IS EVEN. WE STILL MAINTAIN ONE ,000 OVERALL IN THE INVESTMENT IN THAT PROGRAM. AND THE OTHER THING I JUST MIGHT MENTION IS THAT IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO YOUTH SERVICES WHEN I TALKED ABOUT THE 6.4-MILLION-DOLLAR REDUCTION OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, WE HAVE A LOT OF YOUTH SERVICES BOTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, SUCH AS THE SUMMER YOUTH

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, THROUGH OUR CONTRACTORS, THROUGH AISD, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH SOME OF THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, MENTORING PROGRAMS, AND A WHOLE SERIES OF COMMUNITY BASED SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE YOUTH RELATED SERVICES, THOSE ALL EXPERIENCE SOME DEGREE OF REDUCTIONS AS WE WERE GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS IN THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS OF HAVING THE CHALLENGES WE WERE FACED WITH IN TERMS OF BALANCING THE BUDGET. SOME OF THAT WILL BE RESTORED POTENTIALLY, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONTRACTED WITH SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES THROUGH THIS REINVESTMENT FOR SOCIAL SERVICES. THANK YOU.

Thomas: OKAY. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR. LURIE? IF NOT -- COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: A FEW QUESTIONS FOR MR. LURIE. I NOTICED I THINK IT WAS ON PAGE 58 I THINK WHERE IT MENTIONS IN THAT LIST OF KEY GOALS OR A PILOT PROJECT TO IDENTIFY SERVICES THAT WORK BEST FOR THE CHRONIC HOMELESS THAT RELATES TO OUR 10-YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. AND HOW IS THAT GOING TO WORK? IS PART OF IT THE CASE MANAGEMENT THAT WOULD BE DONE AT THE ARCH GOING TO BE PART OF THAT OR DOES IT RELATE TO THAT IN ANY WAY?

WELL, AND I RECALL SOME OF THE DISCUSSION EARLIER TODAY ABOUT THE 10-YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS AND THE INVESTMENTS WE'RE MAKING, ALL THE INVESTMENTS WE'RE MAKING RELATED TO THE RESOURCE CENTER AND ENHANCEMENTS THERE TIE IN. ANY INVESTMENTS WE MAKE IN MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES ARE ALSO RELATED. AND WE ARE DOING SOME MORE WORK ABOUT SOME POTENTIAL PILOT PROJECTS. WE'VE SET ASIDE ABOUT \$74,000 WITHIN OUR SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING, AND WE'RE WAITING THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE WHICH WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL UMBRELLA OF THE HOMELESS TASKFORCE TO IDENTIFY A PILOT PROJECT THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO INVEST IN AND TRY TO DEMONSTRATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SOME DIFFERENT INTERVENTIONS. SO WE DON'T HAVE THE SPECIFIC DETAILS

OF THAT PILOT YET DEFINED BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE COMMUNITY GROUP IS ASSISTING US IN TERMS OF DEVELOPING. BUT WE HAVE CARVED OUT -- AGAIN, I WOULD JUST STRESS THAT IT'S A VERY AMBITIOUS PLAN WITH SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT GOALS THAT POTENTIALLY WOULD COST A LOT OF MONEY. AND SO IN A SENSE WE'RE KIND OF JUST CHIPPING AWAY AT IT WITH SOME OF THESE SMALL INVESTMENTS THAT WE COULD MAKE BY MOVING A FEW DOLLARS AROUND. BUT OUR GOAL, OF COURSE, IS TO DEMONSTRATE WHAT WORKS AND HOPEFULLY BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO MAYBE GO BACK TO SOME LARGER FUNDING ENTITIES TO SEE IF WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET SOME GRANTS OR SOME ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.

Alvarez: THANK YOU. I THINK IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT EFFORT THAT'S UNDERWAY AND IT'S GOOD TO SEE EVERYBODY ENGAGED ON THESE ISSUES. OF COURSE, THESE FOLKS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED FOR A LONG TIME ON THESE ISSUES, BUT IT'S GOOD TO SEE THAT ENERGY LEVEL UP AND CONTINUING.

AND COUNCILMEMBER, THERE IS A LOT OF ENTHUSIASM AND I THINK WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT THIS PLAN IS IT TAKES US TO SORT OF A WHOLE NEW LEVEL BECAUSE UP TO THIS POINT WE'VE BEEN SORT OF FACED WITH CRISIS, TRYING TO PROVIDE SHELTERING AND JUST SORT OF IMMEDIATE SUPPORT. AS YOU KNOW, THE 10-YEAR PLAN TALKS MORE ABOUT ROOT CAUSES AND PREVENTION AND SOME THINGS THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO INVEST IN THAT WOULD GET US TO A POINT WHERE WE COULD KIND OF GET AT THE FRONT END OF THIS ISSUE AND NOT HAVE TO BE INVESTING SO MUCH ON THE OTHER END, WHICH OF COURSE IS A LOT MORE EXPENSIVE BOTH FINANCIALLY AND FROM A HUMAN PERSPECTIVE.

Alvarez: I ALSO NOTICED ON PAGE 53 IT REFERENCED A ONE STOP SHOP AS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTED EXPENDITURES.

RIGHT.

Alvarez: WHAT DOES THAT REFER TO?

OUR ROLE THERE, THIS IS THE COMBINED ONE STOP SHOP

FOR THE CITY, AND OUR PARTICULAR ROLE THERE IS RELATED TO A PLAN REVIEW FOR NEW FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS. SO WHEN SOMEONE COMES IN TO GET A NEW PERMIT, TO GET A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT UP AND RUNNING, IT'S DONE THROUGH THE ONE STOP SHOP AND THE INITIAL INSPECTION AND SUPPORT TO HELP THEM GET STARTED IS DONE THERE AND THAT'S OUR ROLE IN THAT PROCESS.

Alvarez: AND THEN FINALLY, IT'S MENTIONED SEVERAL PLACES ABOUT A YOUTH BUILD PROJECT. IS THAT SOMETHING THAT'S GRANT FUNDED THROUGH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT?

IT IS. IT IS GRANT FUNDED. WE'RE WORKING WITH HABIT FOR HUMANITY AND YOUTH HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME IN AND WORK BASICALLY BUILDING A HOME. AND THAT'S A RELATIVELY NEW GRANT FOR US. WE HAVE OTHER YOUTH-RELATED PROGRAMS. OUR GRAFITTI PROGRAM, GRAFITTI ABATEMENT PROGRAM, YOUTH ARE INVOLVED IN THAT. WE HAVE AN URBAN YOUTH PROGRAM WHERE YOUTH ARE INVOLVED IN MAINTAINING PROPERTIES AND SOME OF THE -- ACTUALLY, SOME OF THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES AND WE GET YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED AND ACTUALLY OFTEN TIMES HIGH RISK INDIVIDUALS, AND IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO GET ENGAGED IN SOME POSITIVE ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOP SOME JOB SKILLS AND SO FORTH.

Alvarez: THROUGH YOUTH BUILD DO WE ACTUALLY HIRE YOUNG PEOPLE TO WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOUSES?

YES.

Alvarez: IS THAT HOW IT WORKS? AND IS THAT SOMETHING THAT'S CONTINUING ON A YEAR -- ANNUAL BASIS?

IT'S A MULTI-YEAR GRANT BUT I'M THINKING ABOUT THREE -- VINCE, DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT'S FOR?

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

ONE YEAR AT A TIME.

Alvarez: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? MAYOR PROTEM?

Thomas: I THOUGHT COUNCILMEMBER KIM HAD ONE.

Mayor Wynn: ALL RIGHT.

Kim: I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT THE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS THAT ARE RUN OUT OF HHS. I KNOW WE HAVE SOME OUT AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AS WELL. MR. LURIE, CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THE TYPES OF CHILD CARE PROGRAM, WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE, WHO DOES IT GO TO, ARE YOU USING IT WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR? TELL ME MORE ABOUT THAT.

WELL, THEY'RE COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS, SO THEY'RE GENERALLY IN THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE BEEN CONTRACTING EXCLUSIVELY WITH NONPROFITS, ALTHOUGH WE'VE HAD SOME DISCUSSION AND I THINK ACTUALLY THE CHILD CARE COUNCIL RECENTLY RECOMMENDED THAT WE OPEN THAT UP TO FOR-PROFIT CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AS WELL. IT'S SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES. WE ALSO PROVIDE SOME FUNDING UP TO THE WORK SOURCE PROGRAM, THE WORK SOURCE BOARD, WHICH THEN CAN USE THAT MONEY TO LEVERAGE -- REFER TO AS CERTIFICATION DOLLARS, BUT THEY'RE ABLE TO LEVERAGE SOME FEDERAL MATCH, SO THEY HAVE A WHOLE NETWORK OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS THAT THEY ALSO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR. >>

Kim: ARE WE SEEING AN INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CHILD CARE THINGS THAT WE ARE SUBSIDIZING IN THE BUDGET?

WELL, WE DON'T MONITOR IT BY SLOTS BECAUSE IT VARIES SO MUCH FROM CHILD TO CHILD, AND THERE'S A LOT OF

TURNOVER, BUT WHAT WE DO MEASURE IS DAYS. IN OTHER WORDS, ONE CHILD IN CHILD CARE FOR A DAY. AND THIS BUDGET, AND WHAT WE'RE PROJECTING ACTUALLY REFLECTS AN INCREASE. FOR EXAMPLE, WITHIN OUR BUDGET FOR FULL-TIME DAYS IN THE CURRENT YEAR WE'RE ESTIMATING THAT WE'LL SERVE ABOUT 37,000 CHILD CARE DAYS, AND IN THE BUDGET WE'RE PROJECTING THAT WILL INCREASE TO 44,000. THAT'S FULL TIME CHILD CARE. AND WE ALSO HAVE PART TIME CHILD CARE DAYS AND THAT'S PROJECTED TO GO FROM 16,000 TO 21,000. AND THEN IN ADDITION TO OUR BUDGET, THERE'S THE CDBG FUNDING THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT A LITTLE BIT EARLIER, AND WE'RE ESTIMATING ABOUT 32,60032,600 DAYS FUNDED THROUGH THAT PROGRAM.

Kim: SO CHIEF MCDONALD, DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY TOTAL THAT IS? CAN YOU GET ME THAT?

YES, WE CAN GET YOU THE TOTAL, BUT WE CAN'T --

Kim: AND THEN DAYS ARE FINE, BUT IS THERE SOME WAY I CAN THINK OF IT IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED WITH SOME CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS, I THINK THAT WOULD HELP.

WE CAN BREAK IT DOWN.

WE DO HAVE THAT INFORMATION AS WELL, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED. I MIGHT EVEN HAVE IT HERE IF YOU WANT ME TO LOOK FOR IT.

Kim: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? THANK YOU, DAVID.

THANK YOU, MAYOR.

MAYOR, OUR LAST PRESENTER FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS PAUL HILLERS, THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WHOL BE BRIEF. -- WHO WILL BE BRIEF. [LAUGHTER]

I WAS GOING TO START WITH A JOKE, BUT MIKE BEAT ME TO IT.

I KNOW. I INSPIRE THAT. [LAUGHTER] I AM PAUL HILGERS, THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. AND I AM GOING TO DO MY BEST TO GET THROUGH THE FORMAL PRESENTATION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SO THAT WE CAN GET TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE. I DO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF HAVING GONE THROUGH A LOT OF THESE BUDGET ITEMS EARLIER TODAY IN OUR ANNUAL PLAN. I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT FOR YOU THE CITIZENS SURVEY RESULTS. THE MEASURES THAT WE HAVE CHOSEN TO HIGHLIGHT FOR YOU TODAY ARE THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES. THE SATISFACTION RATING FOR THAT WENT DOWN BY 11.4%, AND NOW STANDS AT 49.1%. IN THE SURVEY. AND THE ABILITY OF LOW INTEREST HOUSING GRANTS FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES WENT DOWN BY 4.6%. I BELIEVE THAT THE REDUCTION IS A REFLECTION ON THE INCREASED COST OF HOUSING AND A SERIOUS DEMAND FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE THE FACT THAT HOUSING IS LISTED IN THE CITIZEN SURVEY AS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AFTER PUBLIC SAFETY, TRAFFIC FLOW AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IS A PRIORITY IN OUR CITIZEN SURVEY HAS GONE UP OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. THE MISSION OF THIS DEPARTMENT IS TO PROVIDE HOUSING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO BENEFIT ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS SO THEY CAN HAVE ACCESS TO LIVEABLE NEIGHBORHOODS AND CAN INCREASE THEIR OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY. AGAIN, RELATIVE TO OTHER CITIES, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT AUSTIN HAS INVESTED NOT ONLY ITS FEDERAL DOLLARS WISELY, BUT ITS CITY DOLLARS TO SUPPORT HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LEVELS AT LEVELS THAT OTHER CITIES ARE ENVOIOUS OF. THE TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET -- I'M NOT GOING TO GO OVER THE CONTINUUM AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON. I WENT THROUGH IT IN FAIRLY GOOD DETAIL, BUT IT IS USED AS THE INVESTMENT FOR OUR HOUSING PROGRAMS, AND SO I'M GOING TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE

PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET, WHICH IS A TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET OF 26.9 MILLION REPRESENTED BY 24.60 IN FEDERAL GRANTS, 1.3 IN GENERAL FUND THAT SUPPORTS ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE PROGRAM, A MILLION DOLLARS IN THE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR THE SEVENTH YEAR, WHICH IS ANOTHER EXTENSION OF THAT COMMITMENT, AND THEN \$40,000 THAT HAS BEEN EARMARKED AND ALREADY FOUND IN THE UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLAY HOUSING TRUST FUND, THE DENSITY BONUS PROGRAM THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BY THIS COUNCIL. AND THAT OPPORTUNITY THAT WE CREATED LAST YEAR. SO THE TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS IS \$27.1 MILLION. WE DO THIS WITH A TOTAL OF 68 F.T.E.'S BETWEEN THE NEIGHBORHOODING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE CONTRACT WE HAVE WITH THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, WHICH IS ALSO ADMINISTERED IN OUR DEPARTMENT. IT ALSO REFLECTS ABOUT \$4,400 IN SERVICE INCENTIVES. AGAIN, TO REVIEW WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT THIS MORNING, THE SOURCES OF FUNDS, AS YOU CAN SEE FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WE'RE 91% GRANT FUNDED. WE'RE REQUESTING THE BUDGET AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IN THE PLAN. AGAIN, I WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS, BUT WE TALKED ABOUT THAT THIS MORNING. IN THE NEXT SLIDE IT BREAKS OUT THE REVENUE BY THE DIFFERENT GRANTS WHICH INCLUDES PROGRAM INCOME FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND THE HOME PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS BREAKS OUT TO 1.3 IN GENERAL FUND. IT ALSO MENTIONS AND REFLECTS THE AUTHORITY IF WE RECEIVE THESE GRANTS THAT WE'RE APPLYING FOR IN THESE LOANS OF THE THREE MILLION DOLLARS IN THE SECTION 108 LOAN PROGRAM THAT WE TALKED ABOUT THIS MORNING, ALTHOUGH IT HAS A CONTROL GRANT, THE HEALTHY HOMES GRANT AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANT. THAT IS A GRANT THAT WE DO HAVE. WE WILL USE THAT TO ENHANCE OUR FACADE PROGRAMS ON 11th AND FWEFTH STREET. THESE ARE DOLLARS THAT ARE IN HAND. I DO WANT TO SPEND JUST A MINUTE ON A SLIDE YOU DIDN'T SEE THIS MORNING, AND THAT IS THIS SLIDE THAT TALKS ABOUT THE REVENUE LOSS

FROM THE FEDERAL ALLOCATIONS AND THE THREE PRIMARY PROGRAMS IN WHICH THERE WAS A LOSS THIS YEAR. AND THAT IS THAT IN -- WE'RE PROPOSING IN THIS NEXT YEAR TO DEAL WITH THESE REDUCTIONS, ESSENTIALLY A FIVE PERCENT REDUCTION OR \$490,000 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. IN THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, A THREE PERCENT REDUCTION OR \$152,000. AND IN THE AMERICAN DREAM DOWN PAYMENT INITIATIVE, WHAT REALLY SHOWS IS A 69% REDUCTION IS MORE LIKE A 43% REDUCTION BECAUSE THE 661 REPRESENT TWO YEARS OF FUNDING THAT WAS COMBINED INTO THAT LAST YEAR, BUT RELATIVELY SPEAKING, IT IS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF REDUCTION IN OUR DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE THAT'S AVAILABLE THROUGH THE AMERICAN DREAM DOWN PAYMENT INITIATIVE. AS YOU LOOK AT THE USE OF FUNDS, AGAIN THE EFFORTS HERE, HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, 58%, AND AGAIN WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT THIS MORNING, 62% OF THOSE ACTIVITIES ARE USED TO SUPPORT HOME OWNERSHIP TIFS AND 38% OF THOSE ARE USED TO SUPPORT DIFFERENT TYPES OF RENTAL ACTIVITIES. AND ANOTHER -- THE 30%, ALMOST THE COMPLETE 30% OF THE ACTIVITIES ARE FOR THE CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP OF 11th AND 12TH STREET, THE NCNP PROGRAM, OUR PUBLIC SERVICES AND THE DEBT SERVICE FOR THE OTHER FACILITIES WE SPOKE OF THIS MORNING. THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM, AGAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTS 8.2 MILLION. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION, 800,000. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OF \$15.7 MILLION. SUPPORT SERVICES OF 2.2 MILLION. AND TRANSFERS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF \$200,000. SO 15.7 MILLION FOR HOME OWNERSHIP, ABOUT 6.1 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. ANOTHER SLIDE YOU DID NOT SEE THIS MORNING IS THIS \$1.6 MILLION IN THE PROPOSED SMART HOUSING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REVENUE, WHICH ALSO IS ADMINISTERED AS A RESULT OF THE BUDGET, WHICH YOU'LL BE ASKED TO PASS. OF THAT, ABOUT \$830,000 IS GOING TO BE SPENT IN THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, PRIMARILY THAT AS WE TALKED ABOUT THIS MORNING THAT'S EARMARKED FOR HOME OWNERSHIP IN THE MAINTENANCE AREA. --

MONTOPOLIS AREA. \$500,000 OF THAT REPRESENTS THE SMART HOUSING RENEW TEAM AND VISIBILITY INSPECTIONS THAT ARE DONE IN COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION WITH OUR OFFICE. AND \$246,000 IS FOR THE REPAYMENT TO COLONY PARK, TO AUSTIN ENERGY ON THE PURCHASE OF COLONY PARK, WHICH IS ANOTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENT THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF THIS NEXT YEAR. SO THIS REPRESENTS GRAPHICALLY, IF YOU WOULD LOOK AT THIS AGAIN, A VISUAL OF ALL THE FUNDING SOURCES THE DEPARTMENT WILL INVEST. IT INCLUDES CARRY FORWARD FOR WHICH WE ALREADY HAVE BUDGET AUTHORITY IN SOME CASES, PROGRAM INCOME AND ALL OF OUR NEW ALLOCATIONS, SO IT'S A TOTAL OF 36 - \$37.5 MILLION IN TOTAL INVESTMENT. 25% OF HOME BUYER SERVICES, 22% IN OWNER-OCCUPIED SERVICES, 12% IN RENTAL HOUSING, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO TRY AND ADDRESS THE NEEDS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED THROUGH OUR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE HIGHEST PRIORITY NEEDS THAT EXIST IN THIS COMMUNITY. ONCE AGAIN, THE NEXT CHART SHOWS THIS GRAPHIC GRAPHICALLY FOR HOUSING DWEAMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE HOUSING CONTINUUM. YOU CAN LOOK AT THE \$23.1 MILLION AND YOU WILL SEE THAT \$8.1 MILLION IS FOR OWNER OCCUPIED SERVICES, \$7.1 MILLION FOR RENTAL HOUSING, \$6.5 MILLION FOR FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS, \$800,000 IN OUR TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. \$500,000 TO SUPPORT THE SMART HOUSING REVIEW TEAM AND ANOTHER \$100,000 THAT IS GOING TO BE USED TO ENHANCE OUR CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT WILL SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF NONPROFITS WHO ARE CONTINUING TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPACITY, WHICH I WILL TALK ABOUT IN JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL IN JUST A SECOND. THE PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS THAT WE WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT FOR YOU FOR NEXT YEAR, YOU WILL SEE THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS SERVED. WE ANTICIPATE CHANGING THAT AND GOING UP TO 42,530. THE NUMBER OF HOME BUYERS SERVED WILL BE 245, WHICH REPRESENTS A FIVE PERCENT INCREASE. AND THE NUMBER OF SMART HOUSING SINGLE-FAMILY UNITS OCCUPIED WILL GO UP 15 PERCENT TO 750. THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THIS LAST YEAR, WHICH OF COURSE I WOULD LIKE TO

SPEND A LOT MORE TIME ON, BUT I WOULD JUST HIT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF, WHICH ARE 40,017 HOUSEHOLDS WERE SERVED. WE CREATED 75 JOBS. WE DID INSTITUTE AND ESTABLISH THE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN COOPERATION WITH THE CHOATE TOW ROUND TABLE. REALLY A NONPROFIT DESIGNED BASE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO HELP DEVELOP THE CAPACITY OF ORGANIZATIONS TO CREATE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE PROVIDED OVER A THOUSAND HOUSEHOLDS WITH ASSISTANCE TO THEIR HOMES THROUGH THE ARCHITECTURAL BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM AND THROUGH THE AUSTIN HOME REPAIR. AND WE RECEIVED NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR A LOT OF ACTIVITIES. THE ONES I WOULD MENTION TO YOU ARE THE INTERNATIONAL CITY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION NAME SMART HOUSING AS A BEST PRACTICE. WE WON AN AWARD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FAMILY ELDER CARE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LYONS GAR CENZENS. WE WON AWARD FOR OUR CDBG WORK AND OUTREACH. AND THEN LASTLY WE WON THE ROBERT WOODSON AWARD FOR THE SMART HOUSING POLICY, WHICH WAS RECOGNIZING SMART HOUSING AS A BEST PRACTICE TO ELIMINATE REGULATORY BARRIERS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. A LOT OF GOOD NATIONAL RECOGNITION. AND WE DID THIS I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE MAJOR PARTNERS THAT WE HAVE THAT MADE THIS POSSIBLE. THROUGH OUR YOUR EFFORTS AND THE DIRECTIONS YOU'VE GIVEN THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, OUR PARTNERS INCLUDE ORGANIZATIONS, AS I SAID, LIKE FAMILY ELDER CARE, LIFE WORKS, HABITAT FOR IEW HUH MANTY, AUSTIN AREA URBAN LEAGUE, GUADALUPE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BLACK LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NHS, WE'RE WORKING WITH BLACKSHEAR TO INCREASE THEIR CAPACITY, AMERICAN YOUTH WORKS, THE MARY LEE FOUNDATION, THE AUSTIN TENANTS' COUNCIL AND WE ALSO PRIDE OURSELVES WITH THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH ADAPT AND THE WORK THAT WE HAVE WITH THEM TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE OUR PRIORITIES FOR VISITABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY AND INTEGRATED HOUSING IN THIS COMMUNITY. THE GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR, FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR OUR DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES SERVING 42,530,000 HOLDS. ABOUT 4600 THROUGH HOUSING

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, 37,000 THROUGH OUR DEVELOPMENT -- ALMOST 38,000 THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. OUR STRATEGIES ARE ESSENTIALLY THIS. TO CONTINUE THE SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE HAVE, INCLUDING THE SMART HOUSING INITIATIVE, THE ARCHITECTURAL BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM AND THE EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM TO CONTINUE THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUSTIN REVITALIZATION AND THE RENEWAL BARRED FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF 11th AND 12TH STREET. WE OBVIOUSLY GET TO ENJOY THAT REVITALIZATION EVERYDAY BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE OUR OFFICES ARE. FOUNDATIONS FUNCTION COMUNITSES AND THE SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY DWOWMENT THAT WE SPOKE ABOUT TODAY AND ALSO THE HOLLY NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM AND TO WORK TO DO HOMEOWNER REPAIR IN THAT SPECIFIC NEIGHBORHOOD. THE SECOND STRATEGY IS TO BUILD THE COMPASS IT I OF THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, IN DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO DEVELOP AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN MONTOPOLIS AND COLONY PARK, TO WORK WITH OUR NONPROFITS, TO EXPAND THEIR CAPACITY AND THEIR STAFFING CAPACITY TO DO MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE WANT TO CONTINUE, AND WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES REPRESENTED BY WHAT'S NEXT ON THE HOR EYE SON -- ERROR RIE SON IN THIS -- HORIZON IN THIS POLICY AREA. AREAS SUCH AS THE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, THE TRANSIT ORIENTED AREA. THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCORECARD RECOMMENDATIONS, AND FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH THOSE -- WITH THAT ACTION AND THAT ACTIVITY THAT'S GOING TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL IN OCTOBER. FINALLY THE LAST TWO SLIDES, THE COMPARISONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S ORGANIZATION. ONE IN COMPARISON IS CAPITAL LEVERAGING. IN COMPARISON TO OTHER COMMUNITIES OF OUR SIZE, AUSTIN HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST LEVERAGING FOR THOSE REPORTED. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THIS REPORT WAS DEVELOPED FOR THE \$1.2 MILLION WE INVESTED, WHICH WE USED FOR THIS CHART, WE LEVERAGED IT WITH \$16.9 MILLION IN PRIVATE SECTOR DOLLARS. THEN ON THE NEXT CHART, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS COMPLETED WITH PUBLIC AND

NON-PUBLIC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, YOU WILL SEE WE SHOW UP PRETTY GOOD ON THAT YELLOW BAR WITH 1867 UNITS BEING CREATED. WE BELIEVE THAT THAT'S A RESULT OF OUR SUCCESS WE'VE HAD WITH OUR SMART HOUSING INITIATIVE. THE TOTAL SINGLE-FAMILY PERMITS ISSUED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN LAST YEAR, 21% OF THE SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING PERMITS THAT WERE ISSUED WERE MEETING SMART HOUSING STANDARDS. SO THAT PROGRAM HAS HAD REMARKABLE SUCCESS. THAT'S AS FAST AS I CAN GET THROUGH THE FORMAL PRESENTATION. AND I WILL STOP AND SEE IF I CAN GET ANY QUESTIONS ASKED.

Mayor Wynn: ANY QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: WE WENT THROUGH MOST OF THIS THIS MORNING, BUT I DID HAVE A COUPLE OF QUICK QUESTIONS. IN THE PRESENTATION YOU DID NOTE THAT THE AMERICAN DREAM DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, I GUESS WHICH IS A GRANT PROGRAM, WAS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED FOR THIS COMING YEAR OR FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

YES, SIR.

Alvarez: HOW IS THAT GOING TO AFFECT OUR DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE EFFORTS?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AGAIN IS THAT THE REDUCTION IS REALLY A LITTLE OVERSTATED IN THE PRESENTATION. IT'S ABOUT A 43% REDUCTION, WHICH IS STILL A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION. WHAT THAT ESSENTIALLY MEANS IS THERE WILL BE ABOUT 20 FAMILIES THAT WILL BE -- WE'LL BE ABLE TO HELP ABOUT 20 FAMILIES LESS BASED UPON THAT ALLOCATION. IT'S ABOUT \$10,000 A FAMILY, SEVEN HUNDRED TO \$10,000 PER -- TO A THOUSAND DOLLARS PER FAMILY. SO GIVEN THAT -- YOU KNOW, THAT -- IT'S ABOUT WHAT WE THINK THE IMPACT OF THAT WOULD BE. IT IS -- WE ARE HOPEFUL. THIS IS ONE OF THE MAJOR INITIATIVES THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION IS SUPPORTING ALONG WITH REDUCING -- THERE'S REALLY THREE INITIATIVES THIS ADMINISTRATION IS FOCUSED ON FROM A HOUSING PERSPECTIVE, REMOVING REGULATORY BARRIERS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS AND THEN THIS AMERICAN DREAM DOWN PAYMENT MISH ACTIVE. SO WE'RE --

INITIATIVE. SO WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT THEY WILL FIND ASSISTANCE FOR US, BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT LOOKS IN THIS NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET.

Alvarez: THEN JUST LOOKING AT THE GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S A MILLION FOR THE TRUST FUND, AND THEN 1.3 FOR THE CIP-RELATED WAS SERVICES?

ABOUT 1.6 FOR THE CIP, ABOUT 800,000S OF THAT GOES TO ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT. THE 1.3 IN ADDITION TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND IS ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT. THAT GOES INTO OUR EFFORTS LIKE THE T.O.D.'S AND THE UNO TRUST FUNDS AND SUPPORTS A LOT OF OUR GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR OUR OTHER PROGRAMS.

Alvarez: THOSE ARE TWO DIFFERENT NUMBERS?

YES, SIR, THOSE ARE DIFFERENT NUMBERS.

Alvarez: BUT THEY'RE BOTH FROM THE GENERAL FUND?

YES, SIR, THOSE ARE BOTH FROM -- EXCUSE ME. THE 1.6 IS NOT FROM THE GENERAL FUND, IT'S FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY FUND. SO THAT IS NOT REALLY AN ALLOCATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND. THE 1.3 IS IN THE GENERAL FUND AND THE ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND IS FROM THE GENERAL FUND. I WANT TO MAKE SURE I'M RIGHT WITH THE BUDGET OFFICE ON THAT, BUT THAT'S CORRECT.

Alvarez: OKAY. AND THEN THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW OFF THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD, BUT ONE OF THE THINGS WE FACTOR INTO ARE CALCULATION IN TERMS OF WHAT OUR GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE IS 40% OF THE TAX REVENUES FROM THE CSC AND AMLI PROPERTIES. AND SO IS THAT FACTORED IN OR IS THAT -- IS THAT -- AND IF SO, CAN YOU KIND OF BREAK DOWN WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THAT --

YES, SIR. ESSENTIALLY THOSE DOLLARS WOULD GO INTO THE SMART HOUSING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THE 40% IS AT THIS POINT AT ABOUT \$110,000 \$110,000 IN ALREADY RECEIVED REVENUE. SO THAT MONEY IS GOING INTO THAT FUND. WE ALSO ARE ANTICIPATING THAT THE 40% REVENUE FOR -- THAT'S ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS, AS YOU KNOW FOR THE MUELLER AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPONENT ARE THAT THOSE MONIES BE REINVESTED INTO THE MUELLER DWEPT. SO THAT -- SO THAT MONEY WOULD GO INTO A SEPARATE FUND FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, BUT THOSE OTHER DOLLARS -- WE'RE LOOKING AT AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT -- I CAN GET YOU THOSE FIGURES. THE ESTIMATES OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS IS WHAT THAT FUND WOULD BE DEVELOPING AND SUPPORTING.

Alvarez: SURE. AND FINALLY, WE DID RECEIVE THE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST REPORT. I THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY THOROUGH, BUT IT DOES LAY OUT SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER. AND I WAS JUST CURIOUS ABOUT MOVING FORWARD, HOW WE -- WHAT KIND OF DISCUSSION OR OPPORTUNITY WERE WE GOING TO HAVE IN TERMS OF SELECTING A COURSE OF ACTION WITH THE VARIOUS -- WITH THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES THAT WERE PROVIDED. AND IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WE COULD DO THROUGH A WORK SESSION AND HAVE DISCUSSION AMONGST THE COUNCIL ABOUT -- AFTER REVIEWING THOSE VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, THEN TRYING TO SEE IF WE CAN'T GET A LITTLE MORE FOCUSED IN TERMS OF THE PREFERRED WAY TO PROCEED?

ABSOLUTELY. I THINK THE NEXT STEPS FOR US AFTER WE PRODUCE, AND KELLY WISE ON MY STAFF WORKED HARD AND THERE'S A STAKEHOLDER GROUP STILL WORKING ON THIS ISSUE AND ANALYZING THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS, PARTICULARLY FOR MUELLER ON A MORE URGENT BASIS, BUT WE WOULD LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK AND HAVE A LONGER DISCUSSION WITH THE COUNCIL, EVEN ADDING TO IT SOME OTHER RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES BECAUSE WE REALLY JUST LAID OUT KIND OF AN OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF WHAT COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS ARE. IT'S A VERY GOOD DOCUMENT, KIND OF A PRIMER ON COMMUNITY LAND TRUST. NOW WE WANT TO AUSTINIZE THAT AND SAY HERE ARE DIFFERENT OPTIONS AND DISCUSS THE PROS

AND CONS WITH THE COUNCIL AND GET A SENSE AND DIRECTION OF HOW COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO GO WITH THOSE. WE WOULD LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT WITH YOU.

Alvarez: IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE BUDGET IS COMPLETED?

I'LL BE GLAD TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH MY CHAIN OF COMMAND AND SEE WHAT Y'ALL'S DESIRES ARE FOR THAT. SO WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO THAT AS QUICKLY AS IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS. WE COULD BE PREPARED TO DO THAT. ALSO, MY SENSE IS IT'S PART OF THE EFFORTS OF OUR HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION STRATEGIC PLAN AS WELL, AND THE INVESTMENTS IN HOUSING THAT WILL ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO YOU FOR SOME REVIEW AS WELL. SO WE CAN FOLD IT INTO THOSE PLANS AND GET BACK TO YOU AS QUICKLY AS WE POSSIBLY CAN ON WHAT SOME RECOMMENDED ACTIONS WOULD BE TO MOVE THAT FORWARD. >>

ALVAREZ: AND WE CAN SQUEEZE THAT COMMUNITY LAND TRUST DISCUSSION INTO -- PAIR IT UP WITH OUR AHFC DISCUSSIONS. I'M TRYING TO SET IT UP SO IT DOESN'T CONFLICT WITH OUR BUDGET PRESENTATION.

THIS IS A PRETTY DIFFICULT TIME TO SQUEEZE THINGS IN. WE CAN COME BACK WITH A TIME LINE, BUT I THINK PAUL ALLUDED TO ONE OF THE ITEMS AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD A STRONG STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSION BEFORE WE BRING THAT INFORMATION BACK TO YOU, SO THAT WILL IMPACT THE TIME LINE, BUT CERTAINLY WE CAN GET A TIME LINE TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU AGAIN ABOUT THE CHILD CARE AS I WAS ASKING MR. LURIE ABOUT, HOW MANY SLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE OR HOURS, WHATEVER WAY YOU WANT TO DESCRIBE IT, FROM THIS YEAR TO NEXT YEAR.

RIGHT. THE WAY THAT PROGRAM WORKS IS THAT WHEN WE ESSENTIALLY PASS THROUGH THE CHILD CARE MONEY TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND SO WHAT DAVID WAS TALKING ABOUT APPLIES TO OUR FUNDS AS WELL. THOSE FUNDS GO DIRECTLY TO DAVID LURIE'S HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SO IT'S NOT A SEPARATE PROGRAM. SO WHEN HE GETS THAT COMPLETE INFORMATION BACK TO YOU, THAT WILL INCLUDE THE DOLLARS. WE SPEND ABOUT \$660,000 OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND SUPPORTING THE ACTIVITIES HIS DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERS. WHEN WE GET THOSE NUMBERS BACK WE'LL SHOW YOU WHAT WE'RE FUNDING IN THAT, WHAT GENERAL FUNDS IS FUNDING IN THAT AND SHOW YOU HOW THOSE DOLLARS IN THAT SLOT BREAKS DOWN AND THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN HIS REPORT BACK TO YOU. >>

KIM: OKAY. CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH THE \$456,000 FOR THE SMART HOUSING REVIEW TEAM AND WHAT ARE THE DEDICATED F.T.E.'S FOR THAT FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT, FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AND TALK ABOUT THE NATURE OF THEIR WORK?

ABSOLUTELY. I'D LOVE TO, THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER]
ACTUALLY, THE SMART HOUSING REVIEW TEAM IS MANAGED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT. AND JOE AND HIS SHOP IS AVAILABLE FOR HOW THEY REVIEW ALL DEVELOPMENTS THAT COME THROUGH THE PROCESS, AND THEY HAVE A TEAM OF REVIEWERS THAT ARE I THINK -- I THINK THERE ARE REVIEWERS THAT INCLUDE -- LET ME SEE, THERE ARE NO TEAM MEMBERS FROM ANY OTHER DEPARTMENTS. WE DON'T PAY THROUGH THE \$450,000 FOR ANY OF MY STAFF IN THAT SMART HOUSING ALLOCATION. THAT GOES INTO THE \$1.3 MILLION OF GENERAL FUND SUPPORT THAT COMES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT. SO THAT'S SEPARATE AND APART FROM THAT. ESSENTIALLY THE REVIEW TEAM, THE NUMBERS, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT'S FIVE F.T.E.'S, I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT, JOE, ISN'T THAT RIGHT? FIVE F.T.E.'S, AND IT'S AGAIN KIND OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT INVOLVE TRAFFIC, ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMEONE COMES TO SMART HOUSING REVIEW TEAM IS

THEY SIT DOWN AND THEY'RE TOLD EVERYTHING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOW TO GET THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AT THE CITY, AND IF THERE'S NEED -- IT'S KIND OF A MINI ONE STOP. IF IT'S NEEDED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO COME TO THE SMART HOUSING REVIEW TEAM, THEN THEY CAN SET UP THE MEETINGS AND FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS. ESSENTIALLY THE SMART HOUSING INITIATIVE HAS OBVIOUSLY RECEIVED A LOT OF NATIONAL ATTENTION AND IT'S BEEN INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL IN PRODUCING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. ESSENTIALLY THE FEE WAIVERS IF YOU THINK ABOUT DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR FEE WAIVERS, A SIMPLE WAY TO THINK OF IT IS ABOUT \$2,000 PER SINGLE-FAMILY UNIT AND ABOUT \$500 PER MULTI-FAMILY UNIT WHEN YOU ADD UP ALL THE DIFFERENT FEES THAT WE WAIVE, THAT'S ABOUT WHAT IT AMOUNTS TO. NOW, IN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY, WHAT THEY TELL US IS IF YOU ADD -- BASICALLY TAKE ABOUT FIVE TIMES THE COST OF A LOT AND THAT'S WHAT THEY SELL THE HOUSE FOR ESSENTIALLY, YOU CAN REDUCE THAT \$2,000, CAN REDUCE THE COST OF THE HOUSE BY UP TO ABOUT \$10,000 IF YOU DO THE MATH CORRECTLY AND IT WORKS THAT WAY. THE OTHER THING THAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT ABOUT THE SMART HOUSING PROGRAM THAT PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND AND CONTINUE TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT IT IS NOT JUST AN AFFORDABILITY STRATEGY. IT ALSO INCLUDES SAFETY AND THE MIXED INCOME COMPONENT AND THE ACCESSIBILITY COMPONENT, THE VISIBILITY STANDARDS, THE TRANSIT ORIENTED SIDE AND THE GREEN BUILDING COMPONENTS OF SMART HOUSING. SO IT REALLY BASICALLY DEFINES THE KIND OF BENEFITS WE WANT OUT OF HOUSING AND SAID IF WE DO THOSE WE'LL HELP YOU GET OUT OF THE PROCESS AND WAIVE SOME FEES IN THE PROCESS. AND WE HAVE HAD REMARKABLE SUCCESS IN THE NUMBERS THAT WE'VE ACHIEVED. SMART HOUSING IS ONLY ONE ELEMENT OF THE FINANCING, PARTICULARLY IN MULTI-FAMILY. IN MULTI-FAMILY YOU HAVE TAX CREDITS, YOU HAVE OTHER FUNDING SOURCES THAT HELP WITH AFFORDABILITY. BUT 79% OF ALL THE MULTI-FAMILY -- EXCUSE ME, 88% OF ALL THE MULTI-FAMILY UNITS ARE AT 60% OR BELOW MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME. IN THE SINGLE-FAMILY SIDE, THE HOME OWNERSHIP SIDE, OUR GOAL IN

SMART HOUSING WAS THAT 40% WOULD BE SERVING FAMILIES AT 80% OF MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME. THAT GIVES YOU FULL BENEFITS. THE RESULTS OF THE 1600 PLUS UNITS THAT ARE OCCUPIED CURRENTLY, 40% OF THOSE UNITS ARE SERVING FAMILIES AT 60 PERCENT OR BELOW MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME. WHAT WE SEE IS IT STIMULATED THE PRODUCTION OF HOUSING TO A LEVEL THAT WAS A LOT HIGHER THAN WE EVER REALLY FRANKLY ANTICIPATED. THE SUCCESS IS CONTINUING. AND WE HAVE A LOT OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, EVEN SUBDIVISIONS THAT HAVE COME IN TO BE ANNEXED SO THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN SMART HOW HOUSING. SO IT'S HAD AN IMPACT ON OUR TAX BASE, I BELIEVE, AND HELPED US GET MORE CUSTOMERS FOR THE WATER UTILITY AND ELECTRIC UTILITY FASTER THAN THEY OTHERWISE MIGHT HAVE COME AND BEEN DEVELOPED. AND DEALT WITH THAT ISSUE THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT TODAY, WHICH IS KEEPING PEOPLE FROM HAVING TO MOVE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD A HOME. SO I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION.

Kim: THANK YOU. I HAVE ONE LAST QUESTION ABOUT THE FAIR HOUSING COUNSELING THAT YOU PROVIDE. I JUST WANT TO KNOW THE ISSUES THAT PEOPLE FACE, WHAT'S THE NATURE OF THE TRAINING AND DO YOU HAVE ANY QUANTIFIABLE ACTIVITY AND OUTCOMES FROM THAT?

WE ABSOLUTELY DO, AND I APPRECIATE THAT OPPORTUNITY. WE PROVIDE -- AND AGAIN, THROUGH A CONTRACT WE HAVE WITH THE AUSTIN TENANTS' COUNCIL, WHO HAS DONE A REMARKABLE JOB AT THIS PROGRAM FOR MANY YEARS, THE TENANTS COUNCIL, IT'S A CONTRACT OF ABOUT \$278,000. THEY PROVIDE TENANTS RIGHTS ASSISTANCE, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, LANDLORD-TENANT MEDIATION SERVICES AND COUNSELING. THEY HAVE ABOUT 694 CLIENTS. THEY DO 15 WORKSHOPS. AND THEY DO 5,000 NEWS LETTERS ALL AS PART OF OUR CONTRACT BESIDES WHAT THEY DO OTHERWISE. THAT'S JUST PART OF OUR CONTRACT. THE AUSTIN TENANTS' COUNCIL'S ISSUES HAVE INCREASINGLY BECOME ONES THAT FACE THE SCRIMENT NATION FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES. OVER THE RECENT YEARS THAT HAS BEEN HALF OF THEIR CASES HAVE BEEN PEOPLE WHO ARE DISABLED WHO ARE BEING DENIED ACCESS TO HOUSING. THEY ALSO CONDUCT FOR H.U.D.

DIRECT SERVICES WHERE THEY DO DIRECT INVESTIGATIONS OF FAIR HOUSING VIOLATIONS. THEY'RE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR FAIR HOUSING OFFICE IN THE -- THAT'S ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AS WELL AND WE WOULD LOVE TO SET UP A TIME WHEN THEY HAD A FULL BRIEFING, A MORE COMPLETE BRIEFING OF ALL THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE AND HOW THEY RUN THEIR CALL CENTER AND DEAL DIRECTLY WITH FOLKS. THEY DO A REALLY GOOD JOB OF MEDIATING BETWEEN WHAT THE LANDLORD'S RIGHTS ARE, WHAT THE TENANTS' RIGHTS ARE AND THEY'VE DONE A GREAT JOB FOR US IN THIS COMMUNITY FOR A LONG TIME.

Kim: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? THANK YOU, MR. HILGERS. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: CHIEF, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, WE'RE ALMOST AT THE 5:30 TIME. WE HAD THE ONE DISCUSSION ITEM 17 THAT WE HAD SET ASIDE EARLIER. I'M NOT SURE HOW LONG A DISCUSSION WE MIGHT HAVE MIGHT HAVE WITH THAT. I'M HESITANT TO START IT AND THEN NOT GET IT COMPLETED BEFORE WE BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS. SO LET'S GO AHEAD AND CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 17 AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US AND THEN MAKE OUR DISCUSSION. ITEM 17 WAS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT WITH WALGREEN'S FOR PHARMACY SERVICES, AND THERE WERE SEVERAL QUESTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. SEVERAL COUNCILMEMBERS PULLED THE ITEM. PERHAPS JUST A QUICK PRESENTATION FROM PURCHASING. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] >>... THAT WALGREENS IS REQUIRED TO FILL THE PRESCRIPTIONS INCLUDED UNDER FORMULARY. WE ARE -- WALLGREEN'S IS ALSO REQUIRED TO ADD ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO NOT ONLY PROTECT ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES BUT ALL PRESCRIPTIONS SO THAT INDEED OUR PATIENTS ARE PROTECTED. THEY ALSO SENT A LETTER TO THE PLANNED

PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, JUNE THE 1st, 2005.
IN THAT THEY SHOWED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE
DISPENSING OF ALL PRESCRIPTIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER,
THEY HAD PROCEDURES IN LAYS TO HANDLE SITUATIONS
THAT -- IN PLACE TO HANDLE SITUATIONS THAT MIGHT
OCCUR WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL PHARMACIST'S PERSONAL
OBJECTIONS TO DISPENSING CERTAIN PRESCRIPTIONS
MIGHT ARISE. WALL'S RESPECTS THE RIGHTS OF BOTH
PATIENTS AND EMPLOYEES. ONE WAS REGARDING THE
DISPENSING OF ANTI-DEPRESSANTS. ALL GREEN'S IS ONE OF
THE PROVIDER FOR THE AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL
HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION AUTHORITY, SO THE
PATIENTS ACTUALLY RECEIVE THEIR PRESCRIPTIONS
THERE. THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT IS ALSO CONSIDERING
APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDING THIS NEXT FISCAL
YEAR FOR THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH DRUGS
THROUGH THE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
DEPARTMENT. OUR POLICY IN THE CLINICS IS TO DISPENSE
ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES AT THE CLINIC SITES. WE HAVE
CLASS D PHARMACIES THAT PROVIDE THESE DRUGS
DIRECTLY TO THE WOMEN. WE ONLY ONE PATIENT
PRESENTLY THAT IS RECEIVING ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES
THROUGH WALLGREEN'S. WALLGREEN'S CAN ONLY PROVIDE
OR DISPENSE ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES THROUGH
PREAPPROVAL FROM US. THIS CONTRACT HAS BEEN IN IN
PLACE FOR ONE YEAR, SERVING THE PATIENTS IN OUR
COMMUNITY, THIS IS FOR THE TRAVIS COUNTY HOSPITAL
DISTRICT PATIENTS, BOTH RURAL AND URBAN. FINALLY, WE
CAME TO YOU LAST SUMMER SAYING THAT WE -- WE
SUSPECTED THAT WE WOULD BE FILLING ABOUT 276,000
PRESCRIPTIONS IN 2004. BY THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR
WE ARE GOING TO BE HAVING FILLED THROUGH THE
WALLGREEN'S NETWORK OVER 464,000 PRESCRIPTIONS.
THIS IS ABOUT 40 40% OVER THE PROJECTION OF LAST
FISCAL YEAR, SO IT INDEED SHOWS THAT THERE IS ACCESS
TO CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS. THIS HAS RESULTED IN OVER
A \$2 MILLION SAVINGS BECAUSE OF OUR PRICING TO THE
TRAVIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. THIS HAS ALLOWED US
TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THE SAME LEVEL OF BENEFITS
FOR BOTH YOU WEREURBAN AND RURAL PATIENTS IN
TRAVIS COUNTY THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN PREVIOUS

YEARS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

COUNCILMEMBERS, I PASSED OUT TO YOU A DRAFT ON ORANGE PAPER WHAT WHICH HAS LANGUAGE FROM THE CURRENT CONTRACT, VERY TOP, 201 PARAGRAPH A 2 C, IT'S THE VERY LAST SENTENCE THAT WAS GIVING COUNCILMEMBER KIM'S SOME -- COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken'S OFFICE SOME PROBLEMS. THE LAST SENTENCE OF THAT PARAGRAPH CURRENTLY READS WHAT IS IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH, THE SHADED CONTRACTOR AGREES -- SUBJECT TO THE FOREGOING AND [INDISCERNIBLE] THE NETWORK PHARMACY WILL -- WILL NOT REFUSE TO FILL A PRESCRIPTION DUE TO A PHARMACIST'S PERSONAL BELIEFS REGARDING THE MEDICATION OR THE USE OF MEDICATION. IN THE EVENT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL PHARMACIST DESIGNS TO FILL A PRESCRIPTION BASED ON PERSONAL BELIEF RATHER THAN ON PERSONAL JUDGMENT THE STORE'S PHARMACY MANAGER WILL TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ARRANGE TO HAVE THE PRESCRIPTION FILLED IN A TIMELY MANNER. I THINK HE ASKED THAT THE LANGUAGE THAT'S UNDERLINED BE REPHRASED. HE PROPOSED, YOU PROPOSED LANGUAGE WHICH WE ASKED WALGREEN'S TO LOOK AT. THEY LOOKED AT IT, CAME BACK AND ASKED IF THE CITY COULD ACCEPT THE LANGUAGE THAT YOU SEE -- I'M SORRY, PROPOSED SOME LANGUAGE, THEN THEY BROUGHT IT BACK. WHERE YOU SEE PROPOSED REVISION BY COUNCILMEMBER, IT WAS STAFF GOING BACK TO WALGREEN'S WE PROPOSED TO THEM IT BE WITHOUT DELAY OR INCONVENIENCE TO THE SPATIAL INSTEAD OF WHAT THEY PROPOSED BACK TO THE CITY. WALGREEN'S LOOKED AT IT, THEN THEY PROPOSED BACK, IF YOU WILL LOOK AT THE NEXT TO THE LAST PARAGRAPH, IN THE EVENT THAT AN VIRGIN ISLANDS PHARMACIST DECLINES TO FILL A PRESCRIPTION BASED ON PERSONAL BELIEF RATHER THAN ON PERSONAL JUDGMENT, THE STORE'S PHARMACY MANAGER WILL TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ARRANGE TO HAVE THE PRESCRIPTION FILLED WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY OR INCONVENIENCE TO THE PATIENT. THE LAST WHEN WALGREEN'S LOOKED AT IT, THEY HAD ONE OTHER PROPOSAL, WHICH IS THE LAST TIME THAT WE TALKED TO THEM. THE REASON WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO

THEM AGAIN IS BECAUSE THEIR ATTORNEY WAS WAITING TO HEAR FROM THEIR MANAGEMENT AND THEY WERE HAVING A MEETING, SO IT WAS HARD TO GET ALL OF THIS TO THE MANAGEMENT. IF YOU LOOK AT THE UNDERLINED LANGUAGE IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH, THAT WAS THE LAST PROPOSAL WE GOT FROM WALGREEN'S. I'M GOING TO LET HER FINISH UP BECAUSE SHE WAS DEALING DIRECTLY WITH WALGREEN'S, I THINK SHE CAN FILL YOU IN MORE ON SOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WERE GOING ON.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER. WHAT WALGREEN'S WAS TRYING TO DO WAS TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENT BECAUSE THEY DO HAVE A CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION TO FILL ALL PRESCRIPTIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WERE -- THEY WANTED TO ADD MORE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCILMEMBERS' CONCERN REGARDING THE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR CONTRACEPTIVES AND ANTI-DEPRESSANTS. WALGREEN'S HAS PROPOSED THREE VERSIONS OF ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO ADD TO THE CONTRACT. EACH VERSION WOULD ACCOMMODATE BOTH THEIR EMPLOYEES RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND THEIR REQUIREMENT TO FILL PRESCRIPTIONS. AND WOULD NOT CAUSE A CONFLICT FOR WALL GREEPS, AS ELAINE PROBABLY MENTIONED EARLIER, THEY HAVE A VERY STRICT POLICY FOR DEALING WITH PHARMACISTS WHO DO NOT FILL PRESCRIPTIONS. WE HAVE WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY PROBLEMS WHATSOEVER WITH ANY NOT BEING FILLED. I'M SURE ELAINE CONTRACEPTIVES ARE NOT REALLY COVERED BY WALGREEN'S, THERE'S ONLY ONE PATIENT WHO RECEIVES THEM THROUGH THIS CONTRACT AND THEY HAVE NOT TO DATE HAD ANY PROBLEMS. WHAT WE NEED IS TO COME UP WITH A RECOMMENDATION OR ACCEPTANCE FROM YOU ON WHAT LANGUAGE WE CAN ADD TO THE CONTRACT, EVEN THOUGH IT'S ALREADY ADDRESSED. THAT MORE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSES THE ISSUE THAT A PHARMACIST WILL NOT REFUSE TO FILL A PRESCRIPTION. THE LATEST PROPOSAL ON THE TABLE, IT WILL ALLOW THE PRESCRIPTION TO BE FILLED BY EITHER A PHARMACIST AT THAT LOCATION OR IF THE PATIENT WOULD PREFER TO HAVE IT FILLED AT ANOTHER LOCATION, THAT'S MORE CONVENIENT FOR THEM, THEY WOULD ALLOW THAT PATIENT

TO TAKE THE PRESCRIPTION TO ANOTHER PHARMACY AND GET IT FILLED AT NO COST TO THE PATIENT OR TO THE CITY.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: I GUESS IN A WAY IT'S KIND OF HOW YOU LOOK AT THINGS, BUT I WOULD CONSIDER THIS LATEST PROPOSAL FROM WALGREEN'S TO BE VERY INADEQUATE. WHAT IT DOES IS IT SAYS THAT THE PATIENT UNDER THIS PROGRAM FUNDED WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS, WE THE CITY COUNCIL PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN, IF SOMEONE GOES TO WALGREEN'S, THAT PHARMACIST CAN -- THEY CAN -- THEY HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO HAVE A PHARMACIST ON SITE WHO WILL FILL THE PRESCRIPTION, AND SECONDLY THAT IF THEY WANT THE PRESCRIPTION FILLED, THEY HAVE TWO CHOICES, THEY CAN ACCEPT SUBSTANTIAL DELAY OR THEY HAVE THE -- THE PATIENT HAS THE BURDEN TO GO FIND ANOTHER WALLGREEN'S THAT WILL FILL THE PRESCRIPTION. I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK WHEN WE ARE USING TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND LOOKING OUT FOR THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN TO JUST ASK SOMETHING THIS SIMPLE, THAT IS THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SEWER THAT THIS PHARMACIST CHAIN WILL AGREE TO HAVE ON DUTY AT LEAST ONE PHARMACIST WHO WILL FILL ALL LEGAL PRESCRIPTIONS. IT SHOULD NOT BE THE JOB OF A RAPE VICTIM, OF SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO GET BIRTH CONTROL THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE HER DUTY TO GO FIND A PHARMACIST AT A CHAIN, IT SHOULD BE WALGREEN'S DUTY TO MANAGE THEIR STORES BETTER, MAKE SURE THAT SOMEONE ON SITE WILL FILL THE PRESCRIPTION, NO PROSELTIZING, JUST FILL THE PRESCRIPTION, THIS LANGUAGE DOES NOT DO THAT. WE NEED SOMETHING BETTER THAN WALGREEN'S.

COUNCILMEMBER, WHAT WALGREEN'S HAS ASSURED US IS THAT FOR THEIR LARGER PHARMACIES, THEY DO HAVE TWO PHARMACISTS ON DUTY AT ALL TIMES WHEN THEY ARE OPEN. FOR SOME OF THE SMALLER PHARMACIES, THEY MAY ONLY HAVE ONE PHARMACIST ON DUTY IN THE WEE HOURS OF THE NIGHT, BUT THAT MORE OFTEN THAN NOT THEIR STORE MANAGERS ARE REGISTERED AND THEY COULD ACTUALLY DISPENSE THE PRESCRIPTIONS. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE A RARE OCCASION WHEN THE PRESCRIPTION

COULD NOT BE FILLED. AND IF THERE WERE A DELAY THE PATIENT WOULD NATURALLY HAVE THE OPTION TO GET IT FILLED AT A CLOSER, ANOTHER FARM HEAS THAT'S-- ANOTHER PHARMACY THAT'S NEARBY.

McCracken: I'M HOPEFUL WE AS A COUNCIL CAN GIVE POLICY DIRECTION TO YOU ALL TO GO GET THIS IRONED OUT BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WALGREEN'S ON THE GROUND THEIR RECORD IS PRETTY GOOD. BUT THAT THE LANGUAGE THAT THEY ARE INSISTING ON TODAY IS REALLY, REALLY TROUBLING LANGUAGE. WE HAVE AN INCIDENT IN DENTON OF A RAPE VICTIM WHO BROUGHT IN EMERGENCY EXTRA CONTRACEPTION, ANOTHER CHAIN, REFUSED BY THREE PHARMACISTS. THEN WE HAVE A WOMAN IN FORT WORTH WHO IS MARRIED AND HAS KIDS, FIRST GRADE TEACH HE, WANTED TO GET BIRTH CONTROL PILLS, AT ANOTHER PHARMACY, SHE WAS REFUSED HER BIRTH CONTROL PILLS. THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS LANGUAGE TO PREVENT EITHER ONE OF THESE RESULTS FROM HAPPENING. SO ... THE WAY WE TYPICALLY FIND OUT ABOUT THESE FACTS IS WHEN ONE OF THESE CHAINS HAS A COWBOY PHARMACIST WHO HAS -- THINKS THAT HIS OR HER MORAL OR POLITICAL AGENDA IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP OR DOING HIS OR HER JOB. SO WE NEED CONTRACTUAL PROTECTION BECAUSE THESE THINGS CROP UP IN SURPRISING WAYS. IF YOU HAVE A RAPE VICTIM, PARTICULARLY WHO NEEDS EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. WE NEED CONTRACTUAL PROTECTIONS IN HERE.

COUNCILMEMBER, ONE OF THE REASONS THAT WALGREEN'S INSERTED THAT LANGUAGE TOWARD THE END ABOUT GOING TO ANOTHER PHARMACY IS UNDER OUR CONTRACT CURRENTLY WITH THEM, THE WAY IT'S ALIGNED IS THE CLINIC, WHICHEVER CLINIC THE PATIENT IS ALIGNED WITH, THE CLOSEST WALGREEN'S IS WHO THEY WORK WITH. SO THE PROBLEM IS THAT SOMETIMES THESE ISSUES MANIFEST THEMSELVES AFTER THE FACT. YOU DON'T KNOW THAT YOU MAY HAVE A PHARMACIST, SOMEONE WORKING FOR YOU UNTIL THIS ISSUE COMES UP. WHAT WALGREEN'S DID BY INSERTING THIS LANGUAGE IS SAYING LISTEN, IF WE EVER RUN INTO A SITUATION LIKE THAT, SEEING THAT THE CONTRACT IS IN LINE WITH THE CLINIC CLOSEST, I MEAN

WALGREEN'S CLOSEST TO THAT PARTICULAR CLINIC, WE WILL INCUR THE COST AT A DIFFERENT WALGREEN'S TO ENSURE THAT IT'S FULFILLED. BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE A BREACH THAT NIGHT, CERTAINLY YOU HAVE A BREACH BUT THAT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP THE PATIENT. THAT WAS PART OF THE EFFORT WAS INCLUDING THAT ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE. I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS, BUT THAT WAS SORT OF THE BACKGROUND BEHIND PUTTING THAT ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE IN THERE. IT WASN'T AN ATTEMPT JUST TO TRY TO SEND A PATIENT TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION.

McCracken: CHIEF, I HAVE A LOT OF CONFIDENCE IF WAS AS A COUNCIL WILL SEND A VERY CLEAR MESSAGE THAT OUR EXPECTATION IS THAT NOT ONLY IS THE PHARMACY CHAIN REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE MEDICATION, BUT THE PHARMACY ITSELF IS REQUIRED TO HAVE SOMEONE ON DUTY WHO WILL FILL THE PRESCRIPTION, IF WE PUT THAT NRJS SEND IT TO YOU ALL TO GO NEGOTIATE AND MAKE IT HAPPEN, I'M CONFIDENT THAT WALGREEN'S WILL COME AROUND. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LANGUAGE THAT THEY PROPOSED TODAY ACTUALLY PRODUCES 180 DEGREES THE OPPOSITE RESULT. PREVENTS THE OPPOSITE RESULT. WE COULDN'T PREVENT A RAPE VICTIM FROM GETTING EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION. WE COULDN'T PROTECT A WOMAN FROM WHO WANTED TO GET BIRTH CONTROL PRESCRIPTION FILLED FROM GETTING IT FILLED. WE COULDN'T PROTECT THAT -- THOSE RIGHTS. WE NEED WALGREEN'S TO AGREE TO THE LANGUAGE THAT WILL PROTECT OUR CLIENTS, THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY?

Dunkerly: A GOOD IDEA TO SEE IF YOU COULD GO BACK AND GET SOME LANGUAGE THAT, WORK ON IT, MAYBE UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IF YOU COULD. BUT I WANT TO ASSURE -- WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT THE PUBLIC GETS THE WRONG IDEA HERE. THE LAST TWO YEARS I WORKED WITH THE CITY AS AN ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, THE CLINICS WERE PART OF THE -- SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT I HAD TO -- THAT I WORKED WITH AND THAT I WAS VERY INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH. -- INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THOSE CLINICS. THE

EDUCATION AND THE MEDS FOR FAMILY PLANNING AND BIRTH CONTROL WERE ONE OF THE REALLY TOP PRIORITIES THAT WE HAD AS A CLINIC. IN FACT, DURING MY TENURE THERE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD WAS ON THE BOARD OF OUR CLINIC. AND SO WE MADE SURE THAT THESE THINGS, WE TRIED TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE THINGS DIDN'T FALL THROUGH A CRACK. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS THAT ALL OF OUR MEDS ARE DISPENSED THROUGH THE CLINICS THIS THAT CLASS C OD PHARMACY THAT WE STILL OPERATE THERE, EXCEPT IN -- I THOUGHT IT WAS 90 OR 95 EXPERTS OF THEM, BUT EVIDENTLY --% OF THEM, EVIDENTLY IT'S ALL EXCEPT ONE PATIENT. WE WANT THAT PATIENT TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE EDUCATION AND MEDICATION BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE CLINIC. I THINK HERE IT'S MORE OF A PHILOSOPHICAL ASSURANCE THAT WALGREEN'S MORE OR LESS AGREES WITH OUR I GUESS POLICY OF HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS. I GUESS REALLY THAT'S WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO GET THEM TO WORK OUT. MAYBE WE CAN COME UP WITH SOME LANGUAGE, MAYBE EVEN ATTACH THEIR OWN CORPORATE POLICY TO THE DOCUMENT WHICH VERY CLEARLY STATES AT LEAST IN THE PART THAT I READ, MADE A STATEMENT TOTALLY IN LINE WITH WHAT WE AGREED WITH. MAYBE YOU COULD TAKE A WEEK OR TWO AND MAYBE EXTEND THIS CONTRACT, MONTH TO MONTH OR WEEK TO WEEK UNTIL WE CAN GET THIS WORKED OUT.

I THINK THE CONTRACT IS GOOD THROUGH OCTOBER 1st; IS THAT CORRECT.

ACTUALLY, THE CONTRACT IS GOOD THROUGH MAY THE 31st OF 2006.

Futrell: THERE YOU GO. THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME --

YES THERE IS.

Futrell: FOR US TO NEGOTIATE AND LOOK AT THIS LANGUAGE, DOESN'T REQUIRE US TO TAKE THIS ACTION TODAY; IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT.

Futrell: TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, WITH THE LANGUAGE I THINK THAT I WOULD EVEN BE MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT.

MAYOR?

COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

Leffingwell: I'M SURE THAT THEY HAVE GOOD INTENTIONS, BUT THE WAY I READ THIS LAST REVISION, I CAN SEE A SITUATION WHERE A PHARMACIST WOULD SAY OKAY WE WILL CALL, WE'LL GET ON THE TELEPHONE AND WE'LL CALL A PHARMACIST IN FOR YOU, IT WILL -- HE'LL BE HERE WITHIN TWO HOURS OR YOU CAN CHOOSE TO GO TO ANOTHER PHARMACY. SO I FIND THE LANGUAGE UNACCEPTABLE, TOO. SO IF IT'S IN ORDER I WOULD MOVE TO POSTPONE THIS. THIS.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO POSTPONE ACTION ON ITEM 17. SECONDSECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken. COUNCILMEMBER KIM? >>

Kim: I RECOMMEND POSTPONING THIS AS WELL. I SHARE EVERYONE'S CONCERN HERE WHO HAVE SPOKEN SO FAR, FOR YOUNG WOMEN WHO HAVE A VERY SHORT TIME, ABOUT 72 HOURS TO GET THE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION. BY THE TIME THEY REACH A PALM MASS THE CLOCK -- A PHARMACY THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOR THEM TO GET THE CONTRACEPTION THAT THEY NEED. THIS LANGUAGE THEN KIND OF OPENS IT UP TO HAVING THEM EXPERIENCE SOME SORT OF DELAY. IT SAYS TO AVOID UNDUE DELAY, BUT THERE IS NOTHING TO EXPLAIN WHAT THAT MEANS AND IN THEIR EYES IT MAY BE TWO HOURS, BUT FOR THAT PERSON THAT CAN BE A VERY LONG WAIT FOR SOMETHING THAT IS VERY TROUBLING AND -- IN TERMS OF THAT PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. I WANTED TO ASK YOU TO, CHIEF McDONALD, IF THIS DOESN'T WORK OUT WITH WALGREEN'S, ARE THERE OTHER PROVIDERS THAT WE CAN WORK WITH AND NEGOTIATE A RATE ON?

ONE OF THE THINGS, TOO, I'M NOT SURE IF WE COVERED IT CLEARLY IN THIS, IS THAT WE DO HAVE A CONTRACT WITH WALGREEN'S UNTIL NEXT YEAR. PART OF THIS EFFORT

FROM MY UNDERSTANDING IS IN CONSOLIDATING ALL OF THE SERVICES FOR THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT, SOME OF THE COUNTY PATIENTS IN THE OUTLYING AREAS THAT WERE ONCE SERVED UNDER A DIFFERENT PROGRAM IS TO BRING THE COUNTY IN TO -- TO THE -- TO THE OPERATION THAT WE ALREADY HAVE WITH THE B PRICING WITH WALGREEN'S. SO WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE AND AS WAS STATED BEFORE, MOST OF THESE TYPE OF, YOU KNOW -- MOST OF THESE TYPE OF ITEMS OF CONTRACEPTIVES AND EVERYTHING ARE HANDLED IN THE CLINICS ANYWAY, BUT THIS ITEM BRING THE THE COUNTY WHERE THE -- BRINGS THE COUNTY IN WHERE THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT IS ABLE TO CONSOLIDATE ALL -- ALL OF THEIR SERVICES, EVERYONE THAT THEY SERVE IN THIS AREA INTO THE WALGREEN'S PLAN.

Kim: OKAY. WHAT ABOUT ALTERNATE PROVIDERS? ARE THERE OTHER CHAINS IF THIS DOESN'T WORK OUT WE COULD TURN TO, ASK FOR THEM TO GIVE AN OFFER, A BID AS WELL, MEANING THE CONDITION THAT'S WE HAVE LAID OUT?

I WILL TELL YOU THAT THERE WERE ONLY TWO PROVIDERS THAT ACTUALLY CAME FORWARD FOR THE 340 B R.F.P. PROPOSAL. WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND IS THE PRICING THAT WE GET WITH THIS CONTRACT THIS IS NOT AN EASY THAT YOU CAN GO TO A PHARMACY AND ASK THEM TO DO THIS BECAUSE YOU ESSENTIALLY IF YOU GO TO A PHARMACY, THEN YOU ARE HAVING TO SEPARATE OUT INVENTORY. WE ARE USING WALGREENS TO USE A VIRTUAL INVENTORY, SO WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEM USING OUR DRUGS ON PATIENTS OTHER THAN OUR PATIENTS. WE HAVE THAT ISSUE. THE OTHER THING IS THAT THE FUNDING FROM THIS COMES FROM THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT. WE ARE ACTING AS CONTRACTORS ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE A SERVICE AND THEY ARE -- THEY ARE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE \$2 MILLION SAVINGS BECAUSE THEY ARE ABLE THEN TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING FOR THE SERVICES THAT WE ARE PROVIDING TO OUR PATIENTS THAT RESIDE IN TRAVIS COUNTY.

Futrell: WOULD ONE OF THE OPTIONS BE TO ASSIGN THIS TO THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT SO THAT IF THEY ARE

COMFORTABLE THEN WITH THIS PROVISION -- SEEMS THAT IT'S A LITTLE UNFAIR IS THAT THE DISCUSSION IS FOR THE COUNCIL TO BE MAKING A DECISION THAT THEY ARE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH ON THIS LANGUAGE.

ONE OF THE OPTIONS THAT WE DO IS WE CAN ASSIGN IT TO THE DISTRICT AND THEY CAN -- BECAUSE I'M SURE THAT THEY WILL -- THEY WERE WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR PATIENTS RECEIVE THE PRESCRIPTIONS THAT THEY SHOULD BE RECEIVING. BECAUSE IT WOULD BE IN VIOLATION IF WALGREEN'S DID NOT PROVIDE THE MEDICATIONS THAT ARE BEING PRESCRIBED BY OUR PROVIDERS. YES, THAT IS ONE OF THE OPTIONS.

Futrell: I GUESS MY CONCERN IS THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF CONCERN OCCUPY THE DAIS. WHAT I WOULD -- UP ON THE DAIS, WHAT I WOULD PREFER RATHER THAN TAKE ACTION TODAY, EVEN WITH AN ASSIGNMENT, I THINK THE COUNCIL IS GOING TO BE INTERESTED IN CITY RESIDENTS BEING PROTECTED WITH THE PROVISION THAT THEY ARE COMFORTABLE WITH. IS US DOING A LITTLE MORE WORK ON THE LANGUAGE AND COMING BACK. AND INSTEAD OF TRYING TO RESOLVE IT RIGHT NOW ON THE DAIS. OKAY?

YES, CITY MANAGER.

Mayor Wynn: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO POSTPONE. RECOMMENDATION COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL ON -- OR CITY MANAGER HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT WOULD TAKE FOR SOME OF THESE ISSUES TO BE FLESHED OUT A LITTLE BETTER.

Futrell: DO YOU HAVE A RECOMMENDATION?

PROBABLY A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

Futrell: ALL RIGHT.

COUPLE OF WEEKS.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER, TWO-WEEK --

Leffingwell: TWO-WEEK POSTPONEMENT IS FINE WITH ME.

Alvarez: QUESTION THEN. I THINK FOLLOWING UP ON WHAT ASSISTANT CHIEF MCDONALD SAYS ABOUT BRINGING IN SOME OTHER CLINICS, THE COUNTY CLINICS, I THINK. IS THAT PART OF WHY THIS IS COMING FORWARD RIGHT NOW? SO THAT THOSE CLINICS CAN BE BROUGHT IN?

YES, IT WAS JUST AN EFFORT TO CONSOLIDATE ALL OF THE SERVICES UNDER THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT [MULTIPLE VOICES] WE JUST EXPLAINED THAT SO THAT YOU WOULD HAVE THE CONTEXT OF WHAT WAS GOING ON -- [SPEAKER INTERRUPTED -- MULTIPLE VOICES]

THOSE CLIENTS AREN'T ACCIDENT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRICING AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME -- [SPEAKER INTERRUPTED -- MULTIPLE VOICES]

MAY I ANSWER THAT QUESTION. THE AGREEMENT CURRENTLY WITH WALGREEN'S INCLUDES THE CITY AND THE COUNTY PATIENTS. SO THEY ARE ALREADY COVERED BY THE CONTRACT. THE ACTION BEFORE YOU NOW IS TO CONSOLIDATE MORE OR LESS HOW WE PAY THEM BECAUSE WE PAY THE COUNTY SEPARATE FROM THE CITY. WHEN WE FIRST BROUGHT THE CONTRACT TO COUNCIL, WE ONLY BROUGHT IT FOR THE CITY'S PORTION. BECAUSE THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WE PAY THE COUNTIES, THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT'S PORTION SEPARATELY AND WE JUST CONSOLIDATING IT AT THIS POINT, BUT THOSE PATIENTS ARE ALREADY COVERED BY THE CONTRACT.

Alvarez: OKAY, SEEMS LIKE, SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO DELAY IN APPROVING THIS OR THAT WE JUST BRING IT BACK WITH LANGUAGE THAT'S AGREEABLE TO THE COUNCIL BECAUSE I THINK IF WE TRY TO ASSIGN IT TO THE DISTRICT, THEN THAT WILL DELAY HOW -- PROBABLY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS OR MONTHS HOW QUICKLY WE CAN GET TO THE -- TO THE VOTE ON THIS -- ON THIS, YOU KNOW ON THIS PARTICULAR CONTRACT EXTENSION OR AMENDMENT. SO I WOULD -- I WOULD SUPPORT THE EFFORT OF BRINGING IT BACK TO COUNCIL AND THEN I WAS KIND OF SURPRISED IT CAME TO US AND NOT THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT BECAUSE I ASSUMED ALL OF THESE CONTRACTS THAT WE HAD FOR

THESE KINDS OF SERVICES HAD TRANSFERRED OVER, BUT I DO REALIZE OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A LINK WITH THE CLINIC PROGRAM WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE STILL INVOLVED WITH. SO ... ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT.

Mayor Wynn: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO POSTPONE ITEM NO. 17 FOR TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 18th, 2005. FURTHER COMMENTS?

Thomas: ONE THING. WHEN WE NEGOTIATED WITH THE WALGREEN'S, WHEN YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A LARGE PHARMACY AS OPPOSED TO A SMALL ONE, I DON'T REMEMBER US NEGOTIATING THAT IN THE CONTRACT, IT'S JUST THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK AT THAT -- MOST OF THE CLIENTS THAT WE ARE -- PATIENTS THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH, MOSTLY SMALL, SO IF YOU JUST CAN CLARIFY WHAT THEY MEAN BY SMALL AND LARGE PHARMACISTS BECAUSE IF I REMEMBER THE TIME WHEN WE WERE TRYING TO NEGOTIATE THIS, WE WERE TRYING TO DETERMINE WHICH WAS A LARGE, COULD MEET THE SERVICES, THE CAPACITY OF THE PEOPLE THAT -- THAT NEED THE PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED. SO THAT THEY CAN GIANT DID WHAT THEY MEAN BY LARGE AND SMALL.

WE WILL ASK WALGREEN'S TO CLARIFY THAT.

Thomas: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: I JUST WANT TO RELATE TWO REAL LIVE STORIES THAT HAPPENED HERE IN TEXAS. THAT BOTH WOULD BE POTENTIAL OUTCOMES UNDER WALLGREEN'S LANGUAGE, WHY SO IMPORTANT THAT IT GETS CLARIFIED. THE FIRST IS LAST YEAR IN FEBRUARY A RAPE SURVIVOR IN DENTON OBTAINED A PRESCRIPTION FOR EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FROM A HOSPITAL, THE FIRST PHARMACY SHE WENT TO DID NOT STOCK THEM, SECOND DID NOT EITHER. FINALLY SHE FOUND AN ECKERD'S THAT DID KEEP EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION IN STOCK, BUT THE PHARMACIST THERE REFUSED TO FILL THE PRESCRIPTION

BECAUSE OF PERSONAL BELIEFS. TWO OTHER PHARMACISTS AT THE SAME STORE ALSO REFUSED TO FILL THE PRESCRIPTION. THEN IN FORT WORTH, A -- A WOMAN, JILLY LACY, MARRIED FIRST GRADE TEACHER OF TWO CHILDREN, WENT TO A CVS IN NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, NEEDED TO FILL HER BIRTH CONTROL PRESCRIPTION. THE PHARMACIST ON DUTY REFUSED TO FILL HER PRESCRIPTION FOR BIRTH CONTROL PILLS INFORMING HER THAT SHE DID NOT PERSONALLY BELIEVE IN BIRTH CONTROL. WHEN HER HUSBAND WENT BACK SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO TRY AGAIN, THE PHARMACIST TOLD HIM THAT BIRTH CONTROL IS NOT RIGHT AND ERRONEOUSLY TOLD HIM THAT THE PILLS CAUSED CANCER. ANOTHER STORE EMPLOYEE DELIVERED THE PILLS TO THEIR HOME THE NEXT DAY, IN OTHER WORDS SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO GET THEM THERE, NOR WAS HER HUSBAND. THEY PRACTICED THE POLICY THAT WALLGREEN'S IS CONTEMPLATING HERE. I THINK THAT WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO INSIST ON IT ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF AUSTIN, THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE TO POSTPONE. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. MR. HILGERS.

Mayor Wynn: WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE ARE GOING TO RECESS THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL AND CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THANKS VERY MUCH. VERY QUICKLY, AHFC ITEM NO. ONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE HOUSE HOUSE.

Mayor Wynn: I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

MADE BY BOARD MEMBER DUNKERLY, SECONDED BY THE

VICE-PRESIDENT.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6 -- 7-0.

THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 2 IS TO APPROVE THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT NOT TO EXCEED 71,000 TO PARKER LANE SENIOR DEVELOPED PARTNERSHIP OF 70 UNITS OF RENTAL HOUSING ON A 4.5-ACRE TRACT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE 4,000 BLOCK OF PARKER LANE IN THE 1900 BLOCK OF WOODWARD STREET. THE PROJECT WILL BE DEVELOPED BY A NEWLY CREATED SINGLE PURPOSE ENTITY, THE PASSENGERER LANE SENIOR APARTMENTS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ESTABLISHED BY THE CAPITAL AREA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION. AND PARKER LANE DEVELOPERS LIMITED. AHFC WAS INITIALLY EBB INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, BUT IT WAS RESTRICTED TO PROVIDING GAP FINANCING. THE PROJECT WILL BE DEVELOPED ACCORDING TO SMART HOUSING STANDARDS AND WILL UTILIZE ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING COMPONENTS AND MATERIALS TO MINIMIZE THE OPERATING COSTS THAT WILL BE MONITORED FOR TWO YEARS TO QUANTIFY SAVINGS FOR THE USE IN PLANNING FUTURE PROJECT. THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS COMPRISED OF 51 BEDROOM UNITS AND 22 BEDROOM UNITS FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS, 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD IS EXPECTED TO BE 73 YEARS OF AGE. THE PROJECT WITH TWO MARKET RENTS OF 68 AFFORDABLE UNITS AND OF THOSE SEVEN RESERVED FOR FAMILIES AT 30% AT OR BELOW MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME [INDISCERNIBLE], RENTS WILL RANGE FROM 309 -- \$309 TO \$658 FOR ONE BEDROOM UNITS AND 355 TO 775 FOR TWO BEDROOM UNITS. THE BOARD APPROVAL WILL ALLOW STAFF TO ISSUE A COMMITMENT FOR GAP FINANCING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,000 FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THIS ACTION IS INVOLVING A HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, THIS PROJECT WILL BE TAX EXEMPT AS IS ELIGIBLE UNDER

THE TAX LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS. WE ARE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR PARTNER AT CAPITAL AREA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION. THIS OPPORTUNITY GIVES US A CHANCE WITH THE \$71,000 INVESTMENT OF OUR RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PARTICIPATE IN A 77 HIN THOUSAND DOLLARS PROJECT -- \$7,700,000 PROJECT. WE RECOMMEND IT FOR YOUR APPROVAL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, BOARD, COMMENTS? I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT THE ABILITY TO USE THE TAX EXEMPTION PIECE TO SORT OF BRIDGE THESE GAPS AND MAKE THESE PROJECTS WORK I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT, VERY VITAL. BUT ALSO JUST AS IMPORTANT FOR US AS A BOARD, FOR OUR STAFF TO HAVE IN MY OPINION SOME PARAMETERS WHEREBY WE KNOW WHEN WE WOULD USE THIS PRETTY BOLD STEP. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A REQUEST THAT THE STAFF OF THE AHFC TO INCORPORATE STANDARDS THAT MUST BE MET WHEN PROJECTS COME FORWARD. AGAIN, I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS ONE BECAUSE IT -- SEEMS LIKE IT MEETS SOME OBVIOUS STANDARDS TO MAKE SURE THAT IT MEETS SMART HOUSING STANDARDS, TO MAKE SURE THAT IT SERVES SOME PEOPLE AT 30% OF M.F.I. WHICH HAS BEEN A BIG GOAL OF OURS AS A COMMUNITY, SERVES SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATION, AND THAT THE AHFC WOULD HAVE A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO PURCHASE, BUY BACK INTO A PROJECT LIKE THIS. I THINK IT'S SUCH A BOLD STEP TO TAKE PROPERTY OFF THE TAX ROLL IN ORDER TO HELP WITH THE HOUSING COMPONENT. BUT I THINK IT BEHOOVES US AS A STAFF AND AS A BORED TO HAVE THESE PARAMETERS THEY AT LEAST MEET THOSE. I WOULD DEFER TO STAFF'S EXPERTISE IF THERE'S ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS THAT WE SHOULD COME UP.

THERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS. WE WILL INCORPORATE THOSE INTO THIS EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY.

MR. PRESIDENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? BOARD? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON AHFC ITEM 2. MOTION MADE BY BOARD MEMBER KIM, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER ALVAREZ. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. SO WE CAN NOW -- THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION WE CAN NOW ADJOURN THIS MEETING. CALL BACK TO ORDER THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, JUST IN TIME TO NOW RECESS FOR OUR 5:30, 30 MINUTES BEHIND SCHEDULE, OUR 5:30 BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS. WE ARE NOW IN RECESS, STAY TUNED FOR MR. ROBERT ORTIZ.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY, THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE.
[INDISCERNIBLE] GOT MY VOICE BACK. JOINING US TODAY IS ROBERT ORTIZ, A FRIEND OF MANY OF OURS. A FAMILY FRIEND. ROBERT HAS BEEN PLAYING THE TRUMPET PROFESSIONALLY NOW FOR 30 YEARS. HAS HE PLAYED FOR PRESIDENTS, GOVERNORS, MAYORS, HAS BEEN THE TRACK STOMACH PETER AT MANOR DOWNS FOR 10 YEARS. HE TEACHES TRUMPET LESSONS, RECORDS AND HAS PLAYED WITH A NUMBER OF WELL-KNOWN LOCAL BANDS, INCLUDING ALFHOZO AND RAYMOND CLARK. HE WILL BE PERFORMING WITH DUECES WILD FOR US TODAY. HE TAKES GREAT PRIDE OF PLAYING TAPS FOR MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES ACROSS TEXAS. PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING OUR FRIEND, ROBERT ORTIZ. [APPLAUSE] [(music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music)] [(music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music)] [APPLAUSE]

[INDISCERNIBLE] [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC]

Mayor Wynn: DO YOU HAVE A WEBSITE.

CURRENTLY WE ARE [INDISCERNIBLE] CHANGE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. JOE OF COURSE IS PLAYING WITH THE TEXAS

REVOLUTION. MY CAM COMPANION IN CRIME HERE TODAY.

VERY GOOD. BEFORE YOU ALL GET AWAY WE HAVE A SPECIAL PROCLAMATION THAT READS, BE IT KNOWN WHEREAS THE LOCAL MUSIC COMMUNITY MAKES MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTIN'S SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY, WHEREAS THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF ARTISTS FURTHER AUSTIN'S STATUS AT THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, I KNOW THERE EVER I WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS DO HEREBY PROCLAIM TODAY, AUGUST 4th, 2005, AS ROBERT ORTIZ DAY IN AUSTIN AND CALL ON ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THIS GREAT TALENT. [APPLAUSE]

WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY FAMILY, FOR ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT AND LOVE, ESPECIAL THANKS TO MAYOR WYNN AND THE CITY COUNCIL. AND THE GRATEFUL THANKS TO MR. JOE RAMOS FOR HIS ACCOMPANIMENT. [APPLAUSE] AND I WILL CONTINUE PLAYING FOR'S LONG -- A LONG, LONG TIME, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: WHILE ROBERT BREAKS DOWN OVER THERE, WE WILL CONTINUE OVER HERE WITH OUR WEEKLY PROCLAMATIONS. OUR FIRST ONE IS REALITIED TO NATIONAL ARTS PROGRAM WEEK, I'M JOINED BY APRIL SULLIVAN. AFTER I READ THE PROCLAMATION, APRIL IS GOING TO TELL US ABOUT THE WEEK. IT READS BE IT KNOWN WHEREAS THIS WEEK KICKS OFF A MONTH LONG EXHIBITION OF ART WORK PRODUCED BY MORE THAN 100 CITY EMPLOYEES OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, WHICH HAS BEEN PROFESSIONALLY JUDGED. AND WHEREAS THIS IS AUSTIN'S THIRD YEAR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL ARTS PROGRAM, WHICH WAS CONCEIVED BY LEONARD B. ANDREWS IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1985 AND HAS EXTENDED TO MORE THAN 200 CITIES NATIONWIDE. WHEREAS THE ART WORK IS ON VIEW IN THE DAUGHTERTY ARTS CENTER, PROFESSIONAL IMMEDIATELY RESULTS ARE IN THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER THROUGH OUT THIS MONTH. THEREFORE, I WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, PROCLAIM AUGUST 8th THROUGH 14th 2005 AS NATIONAL ARTS PROGRAM WEEK,

PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING APRIL SULLIVAN WHO WILL TELL US ABOUT THE WEEK, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

HELLO, I'M APRIL SULLIVAN, I'M THE MANAGER OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS FOR VSA, ARTS OF TEXAS, WHAT OUR NORMAL MISSION IS TO MAKE THE ARTS ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. BUT WE LIKE TO EXTEND THAT TO ALL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. WHICH IS IN LINE WITH THE MISSION OF THE NATIONAL ARTS PROGRAM FOUNDATION. WHO LIKES TO MAKE THE ARTS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY THROUGH EXHIBITS THAT THEY DO IN DIFFERENT CITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, OVER 200 CITIES, SO I'M THE LOCAL COORDINATOR FOR THE NATIONAL ARTS PROGRAM HERE IN AUSTIN. WE HAVE ALMOST 100 EMPLOYEES FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, WE HAVE AN ENTRY AS YOUNG AS THREE YEARS OLD, HANGING OUT THE DAUGHTERTY ARTS CENTER ALL MONTHS AUGUST. WE HAVE 200 WORKS OF ART. ALSO HANGING AT THE CARVER MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER. AN ART OPENING ON AUGUST 11th, THIS COMING NEXT THURSDAY. GOODS TO GO -- THAT'S GOING TO BE AT THE DAUGHTERTY ARTS CENTER, ALSO AT AUGUST 18th THE NEXT THURSDAY AT CARVE HE, WE INVITE EVERYBODY TO LOOK AT ALL OF THE ART PRODUCED BY LOCAL CITY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. AND THE AWARDS CEREMONY IS GOING TO BE PRESENTED BY CITY MANAGER TOBY FUTRELL AND DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION WARREN STRUSS AT THE DAUGHTERTY OPENING RECEPTION, CASH AWARDS FOR THE EMPLOYEES WHO WIN FOR THE BEST OF SHOW AND FIRST THROUGH THIRD PLACE IN THE CATEGORIES OF YOUTH UNDER 12, YOUTH 12 TO 18, AND AMATEUR, IMMEDIATE AN PROFESSIONAL. THEN ALSO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DONATED BY LOCAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS. THIS WILL BE UP THROUGH THE MONTH OF AUGUST, WE INVITE EVERYONE OUT TO COME SEE THE ART WORK, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. WELL DONE.

ELAINE JOINED ME AGAIN, NOT QUITE THE HOT SEAT A FEW MINUTES AGO. THIS OPERATION IS REGARDING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK. IT READS: AN ESTIMATED 190,000 TRAVIS COUNTY RESIDENTS LACK HEALTH INSURANCE AND

ARE OFTEN UNDERSERVED MEDICALLY. WHEREAS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OPERATED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO PATIENTS REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITY TO PAY, AND HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED HEALTH OUTCOMES AMONG THOSE VULNERABLE TO CHRONIC CONDITIONS. AND WHEREAS I CALL ON ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING THE PERSONNEL AT OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS FOR THEIR SUCCESS IN REDUCING DEATHS, DISABILITIES AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND THEREFORE IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL CITIZENS OF AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY. NOW THEREFORE I WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7th THROUGH 13th, 2005, AS NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK IN AUSTIN. AND CALL ON MS. ELAINE CARROLL TO SAY A FEW WORDS, BUT FIRST JOIN ME IN THANKING THE GREAT RESOURCE THAT WE HAVE IN THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, PARTICULARLY WITH THE HEALTH CARE CENTERS, ELAINE.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU, THE AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS ARE CELEBRATING THE WEEK ON AUGUST THE 8th THROUGH THE 12, WE ARE GOING TO BE HAVING SOME ACTIVITIES DURING THAT WEEK, WE WANT TO INVITE COUNCIL TO COME TO THE FIRST NIGHT, WHICH IS MONDAY, AUGUST THE 8th, WHEN WE WILL BE HONORING TEXAS REPRESENTATIVE ELLIOTT NAISHTAT AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS HEALTH FIELD. WE ARE GOING TO BE HAVING ADDITIONALLY CHIP ENROLLMENT AND ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC, AS YOU KNOW THE STATE HAS ADDED BACK FUNDS FOR THE CHIP PROGRAM. WE ARE ENCOURAGING FAMILIES THAT WANT TO ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN INTO THE CHIP PROGRAM TO COME. ON AUGUST THE 9th. FROM 10:00 TO 2:00 AT PFLUGERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE WEDNESDAY AUGUST THE 10th FROM 10:00 TO 2:00 AT NORTHEAST AUSTIN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER. ALSO BECAUSE OF THE MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT GOING INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY

THE 1st, WE ARE GOING TO BE HAVING OUTREACH INFORMATION PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY BE IMPACTED BY THAT ON THURSDAY AUGUST THE 11th AT OAK HILL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER AND ALSO AT -- AT 10:00 TO 12:00 AT THE EAST AUSTIN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE DOING REACH OUT AND READ, STORIES TIME WITH ALL TRUTHS INTERNATIONAL, FOR PATIENTS ONLY, BUT WE ARE ENCOURAGING PATIENTS TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN MONDAY AUGUST THE 8th AT 9:30 AT ROSEWOOD ZARAGOSA, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST THE 10th AT 930 AT EAST AUSTIN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER. THURSDAY, AUGUST THE 11th SOUTH AUSTIN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THESE ACTIVITIES. AND WITH WE THANK MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THEIR SUPPORT. WE BECAME A [INDISCERNIBLE] IN 1993, THEN AN FQHC IN 2001. IT'S BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE ABLE TO BE WHERE WE ARE TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: CONTINUING WITH HEALTH, I'M GOING TO BE JOINED HERE BY A COUPLE OF E.M.S. PARAMEDICS AND FOUR AUSTIN FIREFIGHTERS. AS WE PRESENT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS TO THESE SIX GENTLEMEN BECAUSE LAST MONTH, ABOUT A MONTH OR SO AGO, THEY DELIVERED A NEW AUSTINITE, THE MOM COULDN'T GET TO THE HOSPITAL IN TIME AND SO -- MOM, I'M TOLD MOM AND BABY ARE DOING FINE, FIVE AND SIX WEEKS LATER, HERE TO GIVE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS. I WILL READ -- THEY ARE ALL THE SAME, I WILL READ ONE, THEN PRESENT THEM TO ALL SIX GENTLEMEN. CITY OF AUSTIN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, FOR HELPING TO BRING A BABY INTO THE WORLD, ON JUNE 29th, 2005, AT 4:25 IN THE MORNING, THEN I'LL READ THE NAMES HERE IN A SECOND. THESE GENTLEMEN ARE DESERVING OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM AND RECOGNITION. THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE FIREFIGHTERS CAPABLE ASSISTANCE IN DELIVERING A NEWBORN WHO IS VERY EAGER TO BECOME AN AUSTINITE, WE JOINED WITH THE -- WITH THE FAMILY IN THANKING OUR A.F.D. E.M.S. CREWS FOR THEIR THOROUGH, PROFESSIONAL AND RAPID RESPONSE WHICH HAS BECOME THE STANDARD AMONG

OUR FIRE EMERGENCY PROFESSION NECESSARILY -- PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL. PRESENTED WITH OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BIG APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE THIS FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST, 2005, SIGNED BY ME, MAYOR WILL WYNN, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ENTIRE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. THESE GO TO -- EASIER TO READ THIS PRINT, RICHARD PORST. RICHARD.

YES, SIR.

THANK YOU. DANIEL FERRARO. DANIEL. DARREN HEISAN. RANDY MORENO, THEN OUR TWO E.M.S. PARAMEDICS, THE AWARD ESSENTIALLY READS THE SAME, RON NAVARRO. RON. AND GREG HALL. PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING SIX GREAT HEROES OF AUSTIN, TEXAS. [APPLAUSE]

FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR HAVING US UP HERE TONIGHT TO -- TO RECOGNIZE ENGINE 19 AND MEDIC 8 FOR OUR PART IN THIS SPECIAL EVENT. ALTHOUGH WE RESPOND TO ASSIST CITIZENS OF AUSTIN IN A TIME OF NEED ON A DAILY BASIS, THERE IS RARELY A POSITIVE OUTCOME SUCH AS THIS. BRINGING A NEW LIFE INTO THIS WORLD IS INDEED POSITIVE IN NATURE AND WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE BEEN THERE TO SHARE THE EXPERIENCE. AS EMERGENCY RESPONDERS FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN EMERGENCY SERVICES, I MUST CONVEY TO YOU THAT EACH AND EVERY FIREFIGHTER AND PARAMEDIC CONSIDERS EVENTS SUCH AS THIS SIMPLY AS PART OF OUR JOB. OUR DRIVE IS GENUINE -- IS A GENUINE DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS AND IN THIS CASE TO HELP A YOUNG COUPLE DEAL WITH A SITUATION THAT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN, BUT DID. THEY CALLED 911, AND WE RESPONDED. THAT'S WHAT FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS DO. WE DO NOT SEEK RECOGNITION BUT ACCEPT IT HUMBLY AND GRACIOUSLY. NOT AS AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE 19 OR AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY E.M.S. MEDIC 8, BUT AS EMERGENCY SERVICE RESPONDERS OF THE GREAT CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: IT'S APPROPRIATE AS WE BEGIN OUR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AS WE CONTINUE HERE IN A FEW MINUTES,

MOST PEOPLE KNOW WE SPEND THE MAJORITY OF YOUR TAX, OUR TAXES ON PUBLIC SAFETY. IF NOTHING ELSE THE CITY SHOULD BE IN BUSINESS OF PROTECTING AND SAVING LIVES. IT HAPPENS EVERY SINGLE DAY, IT'S FUN TO BE ABLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GREAT PROFESSIONALISM THAT WE HAVE IN OUR PARAMEDICS, IN THIS INDICATED MEDIC 8 AND OUR FIREFIGHTERS IN THIS CASE ENGINE 19. PLEASE JOIN ME AGAIN IN CONGRATULATING THESE GREAT AUSTINITES. [APPLAUSE] PROCLAMATION PROCLAMATION, Z-6, C 14050087 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4611 MANCHACA ROAD. EXISTING ZONING IS SF 3, WHICH STANDS FOR FAMILY RESIDENCE AND THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING L.O., WHICH STANDS FOR LIMITED OFFICE. THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION IS TO GRANT LIMITED OFFICE WITH A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY. THIS CASE IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NO. Z-7, C14-05-0064, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12509 NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD, STAFF IS REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT TO AUGUST THE 25th IN ORDER TO REVIEW THE APPLICANT'S AMENDED APPLICATION. ITEM NO. Z-8 WILL BE A DISCUSSION. ON Z-9, THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTED A POSTPONEMENT TO AUGUST THE 25th, TO ADDRESS CONCERNS THAT HAVE ARISEN FROM ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. THIS IS THE APPLICANT'S FIRST REQUEST, MAYOR THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION OF THE CONSENT ITEMS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO, COUNCIL ON CASE Z-3, A SOMEWHAT POTENTIALLY CONTESTED POSTPONEMENT REQUEST. MR. THROWER, ARE YOU IN THE ROOM? IF YOU CARE TO ADDRESS US, WE HAVE A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST. TO AUGUST 18th. 2005.

MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, RON THROWER REPRESENTING THE LANDOWNER AND PURCHASER FOR THE MULTI-FAMILY PORTION OF THIS PROPERTY. MY UNDERSTANDING THE ZONING OR POSTPONEMENT REQUEST CAME IN AT NOON TODAY. WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, TO MY UNDERSTANDING THEY ARE NOT A REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THEY ARE BASING THE POSTPONEMENT REQUEST ON A LACK OF PROPER NOTIFICATION AND WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT. IT'S MY

UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WERE -- WE HAVE AN ORDINANCE READY. IF WE GO ON ONE READING TODAY AND TWO READINGS AT THE NEXT HEARING, WE WILL BE GLAD TO HAVE SOME DISCUSSIONS WITH THIS ASSOCIATION. BUT AGAIN WE OPPOSE THE POSTPONEMENT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. THROWER. MS. GLASGO WE MENTIONED THE ISSUE OF, YOU KNOW, THE LEGITIMACY I GUESS OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT REQUESTED THE POSTPONEMENT. IS IT ONE OF OUR REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD --

Glasgo: THEY ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE CITY. THEY ARE IN -- THEY ARE NOT IN THE CITY LIMITS. THEY ARE ABOUT HALF -- A MILE AND A HALF AWAY FROM THE SUBJECT TRACT. SO THEY WOULD -- OUR NOTIFICATION OBVIOUSLY JUST COVERS PROPERTY WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE AREA TO BE REZONE. THEY ARE NOT A REGISTERED ASSOCIATION WITH THE CITY. THEY ARE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS. WE DID -- WE PROVIDED PROPER NOTICE. THEY -- THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT THE CASE FROM OTHER RESIDENTS WHO ARE CLOSE TO IT, BUT WE DID PROVIDE PROPER NOTICE.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL? SUGGESTIONS? AS YOU KNOW, WE ESSENTIALLY HAVE A POLICY OF GRANTING A FIRST REQUEST FROM EITHER THE OWNER, APPLICANT, AGENT AND/OR AN OPPOSING PARTY. YOU KNOW, DURING THOSE -- USUALLY THE OPPOSING PARTY IS ONE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AFFECTED AREA. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: MAYOR, I THINK THAT'S OUR TYPICAL CUSTOM AND -- HOW WE USUALLY HANDLE THESE SORTS OF REQUESTS. SO -- SO I'M HONORING THAT POSTPONEMENT REQUEST. >>

Mayor Wynn: FROM THROWER, I AGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ. IF ESSENTIALLY YOU ARE PREPARED TO GO THROUGH TWO READINGS ANYWAY, THAT IS TWO MEETINGS, WE JUST THINK THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER PRACTICE TO HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING, WHICH IS THE ACTUAL FIRST READING BEFORE WE CLOSE THAT PUBLIC HEARING AT A TIME WHEN AS MANY PEOPLE WHO MIGHT WANT TO GIVE US INPUT AS POSSIBLE COULD BE

HERE. SO COUNCIL WITHOUT OBJECTION WE WILL INCLUDE POSTPONING Z-3 TO AUGUST 18th, 2005. SO OUR CONSENT AGENDA ON THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS ZONING CASES WILL BE, TO POSTPONE CASES Z-1 AND Z-2 TO AUGUST 25th, 2005, POSTPONE CASE Z-3 TO AUGUST 18th, 2005, APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS, CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS CASES Z-5 AND Z-6, AND POSTPONE TO AUGUST 25th, 2005, CASES Z-7 AND Z-9. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken TEMPORARILY OFF THE DAIS.

Glasgo: MAYOR THAT TAKES US TO ITEM NO. 41. SINCE THIS CASE HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 17 MONTHS, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE COUNCIL A BRIEF OVERVIEW, ESPECIALLY SINCE TWO NEW COUNCILMEMBERS WHO WERE NOT HERE DURING THE INITIAL DELIBERATIONS, MR. GUERNSEY IS GOING TO PASS OUT A HANDOUT THAT SUMMARIZES THE HISTORY OF THE CASE JUST SO YOU CAN FOLLOW AS I'M WALKING THROUGH THE MAPS, MAYOR. MY PRESENTATIONMENT BE VERY BRIEF. COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken AT ONE POINT ASKED THE NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES TO BE HERE TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTION AND SO MAYOR THIS IS ONE OF THOSE CASES WHERE -- WHERE THE -- WHERE THERE WILL BE SOMEONE FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD SPEAKING BRIEFLY AND THEN THE APPLICANT BRIEFLY.

Mayor Wynn: ALTHOUGH THIS HAS BEEN AROUND 17 MONTHS, WE HAVE ACTUALLY GOTTEN THROUGH TWO READINGS IN 17 MONTHS.

Glasgo: WE ARE ON FOR THIRD READING, CONFLICTING SCHEDULES BASICALLY.

Mayor Wynn: JUST KIDDING.

Glasgo: [LAUGHTER] TRYING TO HELP US ALL OUT THERE. OKAY. THIS ITEM NO. 41 IS CASE C 142040012.003, A REMNANTS OF THE BRENTWOOD HIGHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND REZONINGS. THIS PARTICULAR CASE WAS PULLED OUT AND COUNCIL DIRECTED US TO INITIATE A ZONING CHANGE. JUST A LITTLE HISTORY HERE FOR YOU, COUNCILMEMBERS. THE BRENTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS COMMENCED ON MARCH OF 2003. THE PLANNING PROCESS CONCLUDED ON DECEMBER 17th OF 2003. THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARD BOTH THE ASSOCIATED REZONINGS ON FEBRUARY THE 24th OF 2004 AND FORWARDED A RECOMMENDATION TO YOU TO APPROVE THE -- THE PLAN AND ASSOCIATED REZONINGS AND THAT INCLUDED THE REZONING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6208 BURNS STREET AND 6225 NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD WHICH ADJOIN EACH OTHER AND ARE OWNED BY THE SAME PROPERTY OWNER. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS IS THAT THIS PARTICULAR PROPERTY OWNER DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. BUT APPEARED AT THE COUNCIL HEARING ON MARCH THE 4th, AT SECOND READING. ACTUALLY MARCH 4th COUNCIL HEARD THE REZONING AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN -- NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS ON FIRST READING, ALL OF THE REZONINGS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF. AND THE APPLICANT APPEARED FOR THE FIRST TIME OPPOSING THE CASE, DURING THE SECOND READING. OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS AND REZONINGS, AT THAT POINT THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAD LEFT AND ASSUMED WHAT HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED AT FIRST READING WOULD MOVE FORWARD. BUT OBVIOUSLY WHEN IT CAME BACK, FOR THIRD READING, THAT HAD CHANGED, THAT'S WHY THERE HAVE BEEN DELAYS. I'M GOING TO WALK OVER HERE TO THE CAMCORDER, WALK YOU THROUGH THE MAPS TO GIVE YOU THE HISTORY OF THE ZONING, THAT WILL CLEARLY SHOW THE DIFFERENCES. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

THEY LOOKED AT TREATING THE CORRIDOR OF LAMAR AS A MIXED USE CORRIDOR, HENCE WHAT YOU SEE ON THE SECOND MAP. THE SECOND MAP SHOWS YOU THE RESULTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. THE

STAKEHOLDERS SHOW THE BROWN DESIGNATES OR DONATES MIXED USE ALONG THE NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD CORE THEY ARE. THEY MADE THE TRANSITION FROM COMMERCIAL BACK TOWARDS THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY DECIDED TO RECOMMEND MULTI-FAMILY ZONING FOR THOSE PROPERTIES BECAUSE AS YOU CAN GO BACK TO MAP NUMBER 1, THE PROPERTIES TO THE NORTH HAVE MULTI-FAMILY. THEY WERE ALREADY ZONED MULTI-FAMILY. AND THEY FELT LIKE IT WAS APPROPRIATE FROM A LAND USE VIEW TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY OF MULTI-FAMILY TO THE REAR OF THE PROPERTIES THAT ARE SOUTH OF LAMAR PLACE. ON THE SECOND MAP. THE RECOMMENDATION THAT WAS FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL WAS TO ZONE THE PROPERTIES THAT ARE IN ORANGE MULTI-FAMILY, INCLUDING THE SUBJECT TRACT, AND THE PROPERTY TO THE NORTH, MAKE IT ALL MULTI-FAMILY. AT SECOND READING THE APPLICANT ASKED -- I'M ON THE THIRD MAP. ASKED THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ZONING THE TRACT AT 6205 TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO MIXED USE AND ZONE IT GR-MU-CO-NP, WHICH ALLOWS COMMERCIAL USES. AND THE PROPERTY AT 6208 BURNS STREET ALSO INITIATE A CHANGE ON THE MAP, A COLOR FROM ORANGE TO BROWN, WHICH STANDS FOR MIXED USE. AND THEN DIRECT STAFF TO INITIATE A REZONING OF 6208 BURNS STREET TO COMMERCIAL TO COINCIDE WITH THE ZONING ON THE TRACT TO THE NORTH. SO COUNCIL APPROVED SECOND READING, WE'RE BACK TODAY FOR THIRD READING TO BRING□□ THIS CASE BACK, WHICH YOU DIRECTED US TO BRING BACK TO YOU. SO WE ISSUED THE CASE, WE WENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THE ZONING CHANGE, AS DID STAFF, TO REFLECT YOUR POLICY BECAUSE WHEN YOU ADOPTED THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN ON SECOND READING FOR THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS, YOU ARE SETTING POLICIES TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO COMMERCIAL, WHICH THEN BROUGHT ABOUT THE CHANGE ON THIS PARTICULAR TRACT. THE RESIDENTS WHO ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SUBJECT TRACT ARE OPPOSED TO THE CHANGE IN ZONING FROM MULTI-FAMILY TO COMMERCIAL FOR THE TRACT ON BURNS STREET. SOME OF THE CONCERNS YOU HEARD FROM THE RESIDENTS INCLUDED

TRAFFIC CURNZ, NOT ALLOWING ACCESS OR RATHER THE TRAFFIC THAT WOULD COME FROM LAMAR DOWN THROUGH THEIR STREET BECAUSE THE TWO TRACTS ARE OWNED BY ONE OWNER AND THE FEAR OF COMBINING AND REDEVELOPING THOSE TRACTS ENHANCE HAVING TRAFFIC FLOW INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SO YOUR RESPONSE TO THAT, AND THE OWNER AGREED TO PROHIBIT ACCESS TO THE REAR OF BURNS STREET EXCEPT TO ALLOW FOR EMERGENCY ACCESS FOR FIRE, POLICE AND E.M.S., AND AGREED TO INCUMBER THE PROJECT TO THE NORTH, WHICH IS ZONED NOW GR-MU-CO, TO ENCUMBER A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT THAT APPLIES TO 6225 NORTH LAMAR AND 6208 BURNS STREET WITH A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT THAT REQUIRES JOINT ACCESS FOR THE TWO TRACTS TO LAMAR, BUT ONLY ALLOWING FOR EMERGENCY ACCESS ON TO BURNS STREET TO ELIMINATE THE OPPORTUNITY OR POSSIBILITY OF HAVING CUT-THROUGH TRAFFIC FROM LAMAR TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SO THAT IS HOW YOU ADDRESS THAT WITH A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY AND A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, WHICH HAS BEEN EXECUTED. THAT JUST BRIEFLY GIVES YOU AN OVERVIEW OF THE PRESENTATION SO THE COUNCILMEMBERS ESPECIALLY WHO HAVE JUST JOINED US TO HELP YOU WITH THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CASE. I'LL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE AFTER YOU HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. GLASGO. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: I GUESS THE KEY THING THERE IS WHAT -- THE REASON WE'RE HERE NOW 17 MONTHS LATER IS BECAUSE DURING THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS THE CITY COUNCIL INITIATED A CHANGE TO THE LAND USE MAP AND THE ZONING FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROPERTY SO THIS IS I GUESS OUR THIRD READING POTENTIALLY. AND ON THIS CASE AND THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ATTEMPTS SORT OF BY THE APPLICANT TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS, MOSTLY WHICH ARE RELATED TO ACCESS TO BURNS STREET. SO YOU EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW ACCESS IS BEING LIMITED. BUT I GUESS ARE WE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS? IS THAT WHAT

THE INTENTION IS?

NO, IT WAS JUST IT. OBVIOUSLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NEW COUNCILMEMBERS, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNFAIR TO THEM TO NOT HAVE AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT HAD OCCURRED. AND AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN AT HIS MOTION ASKED THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD BE INVITED TO COME BACK AND EXPLAIN BECAUSE THEIR LATEST REQUEST IS TO SIMPLY THEY'RE STILL NOT IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE ZONING AND COUNCIL JUST WANTED TO HEAR FROM THEM AS TO WHY THEY WERE STILL OPPOSED EVEN WITH THOSE RESTRICTIONS. SO THAT'S WHY.

Alvarez: SO CAN WE MAYBE HAVE FIVE MINUTES FOR EACH SIDE SINCE WE'VE ALREADY HAD PROBABLY FOUR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THIS.

Mayor Wynn: YES, THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. LET'S HEAR FROM THE AGENT, WHOEVER THAT MIGHT BE. MR. BENNETT?

MR. BENNETT IS MAKING HIS WAY DOWN.

Mayor Wynn: YOU DON'T NEED TO TAKE UP ALL FIVE MINUTES, BUT YOU'RE WELCOME TO SUMMARIZE WHERE WE ARE.

I'LL CERTAINLY TRY TO BE BRIEF, MAYOR. I AM HERE TONIGHT ON BEHALF OF ABC BLIND AND DRAPERY, WHICH OWNS THE PROPERTY THROUGH KEN McWILLIAMS. AND AS ALICE TOLD YOU, WE WERE HERE ON THE FIRST HEARING OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS, BUT AT THAT HEARING COUNCIL ONLY HEARD ON THE UNCONTESTED CASES, SO WE AS WELL AS THE OTHER CONTESTED PEOPLE DIDN'T SPEAK AT THAT FIRST HEARING. SO AT THE SECOND HEARING WAS WHEN WE FIRST HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FOR COUNCIL. ABC BLIND AND DRAPERY HAS OWNED THIS PROPERTY FOR OVER 50 YEARS. AS I REPORTED TO COUNCIL AT THOSE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS, THEY HAVE THE INTENTIONS OF BUILDING AN INTERIOR DESIGN CENTER ON THE PROPERTY. AND AT THE COUNCIL HEARING

BECAUSE OF THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THIS PARTICULAR PIECE, YOU COULD NOT REZONE IT DURING THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROCESS AND ASK THE STUFF TO INITIATE THE CHANGE. I BELIEVE YOU DID ADOPT A MAP THAT SHOWS THIS PROPERTY TO BE GR. AS A RESULT OF SOME MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS HERE AT COUNCIL ITSELF, WE THINK IN THIS RESTRICTIVE COVENANT THAT WE'VE ADDRESSED THE ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. ONE, BY LIMITING THE ACCESS TO ONLY EMERGENCY VEHICLES NOT ONLY ON THIS TRACT THAT'S BEFORE YOU TONIGHT, BUT ALSO ON THE TRACT ADJACENT TO IT, WHICH WAS A CONCERN. SO YOU WILL HAVE ONE DRIVEWAY THAT WILL BE USED FOR ONLY EMERGENCY PURPOSES. IN THE COVENANT ALSO WE'VE AGREED TO PUT A FENCE ALONG BURNS STREET WITH THE LANDSCAPING BETWEEN THE PROPERTY LINE AND THE FENCE. ALSO, THERE'S SOME CONDITIONAL OVERLAYS FOR PROHIBITED USES THAT WE'VE AGREED NOT TO HAVE ON THE SITE. SO WE THINK THE COVENANT, BASED ON THE INPUT THAT WAS HEARD AT THE HEARINGS AND IN THE MEETINGS THAT WE'VE TRIED TO ADDRESS THOSE. AND THE PRIMARY CONCERN WAS BEING THE ACCESS, WHICH WITH THIS COVENANT YOU CAN'T HAVE ANY ACCESS, SO WE'VE TAKEN CARE OF THAT. I'M NOT THE APPLICANT IN THIS CASE, THE CITY IS THE APPLICANT IN THIS CASE, BUT I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS. AND I'LL BE AVAILABLE SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. BENNETT. QUESTIONS FOR MR. BENNETT, COUNCIL? IF NOT, I'M NOT SURE WHOL REPRESENT THE NEIGHBORS, BUT IF A NEIGHBOR WOULD COME FORWARD. WELCOME. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND YOU WILL HAVE UP TO FIVE MINUTES.

I'M KATRINA DANIEL, PRESIDENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, AND I GUESS WE'VE OPPOSED THE CURRENT PROPOSAL, BUT AFTER DISCUSSION -- ACTUALLY, I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU A DIAGRAM FROM A PREVIOUS PACKET THAT I THINK YOU'VE GOTTEN. I THINK WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT THAT THE OWNER WOULD LIKE TO DO OF THE PROPERTY, IT WOULD PLACE A -- IF YOU CAN SLIDE THAT UP A LITTLE BIT. THE PROPERTY THAT YOU ALREADY ZONED COMMERCIAL IS THE ONE WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE DRIVEWAY, AND IT'S THE

ONE NEXT TO IT WITH THE -- IT LOOKS LIKE IT SAYS POND ON IT THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY. AND IF WE DON'T GET THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT ON THIS PROPERTY, ON THESE TWO PROPERTIES TOGETHER, THEN WE WILL END UP WITH A DRIVEWAY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND I CAN'T REMEMBER IF THIS SHOWS THIS, BUT IF YOU SLIDE IT UP A LITTLE BIT FURTHER, THAT DRIVEWAY ALIGNS EXACTLY WITH THE STREETS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. YOU CAN SEE HOW THAT GROWS OFF TO THE SIDE AND A-- GOES OFF TO THE SIDE AND ALIGNS TO THE STREET. AND AT THE TOP OF THAT MAP IS A LOT OF MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENTS. AND OVER HERE IS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THAT IS A ROUTE THAT A LOT OF KIDS TAKE TO GET TO THE SCHOOL. THEY EITHER GO RIGHT TO THE PROPERTY OR TAKE A TURN ON THAT STREET. SO I GUESS THE POINT I'M MAKING IS THAT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS OPPOSED TO HAVING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR RESIDENTIAL AREA, BUT GIVEN THE FACT THAT IF WE DON'T GET THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT ON BOTH OF THOSE PROPERTIES, WE'LL END UP WITH A DRIVEWAY THAT GOES STRAIGHT INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, EMPTYING ALL OF THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY -- I MEAN, ALL OF THE COMMERCIAL SHOPPERS INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IN PLACE, AND SO IF THAT MEANS GIVING IN TO COMMERCIAL ZONING FOR 6208 BURNS, THEN WE RELUCTANTLY, VERY RELUCTANTLY ACCEPT THAT.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: I THOUGHT I HEARD MR. BENNETT SAY HE WAS AGREEING TO ENTER INTO A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT FOR BOTH PROPERTIES. IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE REQUESTING?

YES. AND THAT'S EXACTLY MY POINT. IF WE FIGHT TOOTH AND NAIL ON COMMERCIAL ZONING FOR 6208 AND WE WIN, THEN WE LOSE THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AND THAT DRIVEWAY THAT YOU SEE I HAVE NO DOUBT, WILL GO IN BECAUSE HE WANTS TO REDEVELOP HIS PROPERTY AND HE'LL NEED THAT, I'M SURE, TO DIRECT THE TRAFFIC. THAT ABOVE ALL WE DON'T WANT BECAUSE, AS I TRIED TO EXPLAIN, THAT'S A PASSAGE FOR KIDS GOING TO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Alvarez: I SEE. SO THIS ISN'T THE PLAN, PER SE, IT'S THE PLAN IF --

YES.

Alvarez: IS THIS THE PLAN THAT YOU HAVE, MR. BENNETT?

COUNCIL, AT THE OTHER HEARINGS I THINK WE ACTUALLY GAVE YOU THREE OR FOUR OPTIONS BEFORE COUNCIL, SHOWING YOU THE DIFFERENT SCENARIOS. THE COVENANT HAS BEEN SIGNED, NOTARIZED, IT'S IN THE CITY OOZE HANDS FOR EXECUTION TO PROHIBIT THE ACCESS ON BOTH OF THE TWO TRACTS EXCEPT FOR THE EMERGENCY. AND BECAUSE OF THE LONG LENGTH OF THE PROPERTY IS THE ONLY REASON IT SAYS FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES. AND SO THAT DOCUMENT HAS BEEN AGREED TO AND IS IN THE CITY'S HANDS. TO PROHIBIT TOTALLY ACCESS EXCEPT FOR THE EMERGENCY.

Alvarez: BUT THIS WOULD NOT BE THE LAYOUT HERE BECAUSE THERE'S NO ROOM HERE --

THERE WAS ACTUALLY FOUR RENDERINGS THAT I THINK WE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT WE WERE LOOKING AT. THIS COULD WELL BE THE PLAN THAT'S PROPOSED. OR ONE OF THE OTHER TWO, BUT I THINK FROM THE SPEAKER'S POSITION IS ALL OF THE PLANS WOULD THE COVENANT ELIMINATE ACCESS TO BURNS.

Alvarez: AND THAT'S WHAT'S ON THE TABLE?

YES, SIR.

THIS PLAN HERE IS OUR WORST FEAR, AND AND THAT'S WHY IF WE CAN'T HAVE BOTH OF THOSE PROPERTIES ZONED MULTI-FAMILY TO BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WE WOULD PREFER HAVING A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IN PLACE.

COUNCIL, THAT COVENANT DOES INCLUDE VOLUNTARILY BOTH PIECES OF PROPERTY, THE NORTH PROPERTY AND

THE PROPERTY THAT'S BEFORE YOU.

Alvarez: AND THEN MAYBE THIS IS A QUESTION FOR MS. GLASGO, BUT WITH THIS PARTICULAR CASE WE'RE NOT ZONING BOTH, RIGHT? SO LIKE WHAT SHE WAS SAYING IS IF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, LET'S SAY, IS ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE ZONING THAT'S CURRENTLY THERE WHICH I GUESS IS MULTI-FAMILY, THIS OTHER TRACT IS ALREADY ZONED COMMERCIAL MIXED USE. AND SO THIS PLAN POTENTIALLY COULD MOVE FORWARD BECAUSE OF THAT, RIGHT?

THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

Glasco: THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT THAT MR. BENNETT HAS SUBMITTED TO US THAT WE'RE HOLDING TO FILE, ENCUMBERS THE TRACT THAT'S ZONED COMMERCIAL TO THE SAME RESTRICTIONS. SO THE COVENANT WE HAVE ADDRESSES BOTH TRACTS IN THAT AT THE TIME OF SITE PLANNING WHEN THE DEVELOPER FILES A SITE PLAN WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR REVIEW FOR BOTH TRACTS THAT ACCESS SHALL BE PROVIDED AS JOINT ACCESS TO LAMAR BOULEVARD. AND THAT'S WHAT IT SPEAKS TO. THAT'S WHAT WILL HAVE TO OCCUR BASED ON THE COVENANT. IT RUNS WITH THE LAND. IF COUNCIL APPROVES THIS TONIGHT, THE CITY -- THE LAW DEPARTMENT WILL RECORD THIS AT THE COURTHOUSE AND IT WILL BE PART OF THE DOCUMENTS THAT ARE RUN WITH THIS PROPERTY, SO THAT WHOEVER BUYS THE PROPERTY HAS THAT RESTRICTION ON IT. AND AT THE TIME OF SITE PLAN REVIEW, ON OUR MAP IT WILL SHOW THAT THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, AND THE STAFF WILL CHECK AND MAKE SURE THAT THE DRIVEWAY IS CONSTRUCTED ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT. SO THE CONCERN IS ADDRESSED ALREADY IN THE DOCUMENT, AND THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT WILL NOT SHOW THE EXHIBITS BECAUSE WE WILL GET A MORE DETAILED SITE PLAN LATER ON SO THOSE EXHIBITS WERE JUST TO PROVIDE AN IDEA VISUALLY OF WHAT COULD OCCUR AS FAR AS JOINING THE TWO TRACTS.

AND I DO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE -- I'M SORRY.

Alvarez: I WAS GOING TO ASK IF YOU WANTED TO ADD

ANYTHING.

I DO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT DOES, AND MY CONCERN IS THAT IF WE FIGHT FOR 6208, YOU VOTE TO LEAVE 6208 MULTI-FAMILY, THAT THEY MAY WITHDRAW THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AND THEN WE'LL END UP WITH 6210 WITH A DRIVEWAY. WE OF COURSE WOULD PREFER IF THERE WAS SOME WAY THAT WE COULD AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF 6210, BUT MY SENSE IS I GUESS THAT IT'S REALLY KIND OF TOO LATE FOR THAT PROPERTY.
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Alvarez: WE'D HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN.

WE WOULD. THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER 17 MONTHS.

Alvarez: OKAY. WELL, THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MA'AM. COUNCILMEMBER MCCrackEN.

McCracken: YEAH. MS. GLASGO, YOU MAY HAVE COVERED THIS EARLIER, BUT MY RECOLLECTION WAS THAT 6210, THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN ACTUALLY CALLED FOR THAT TO BE MULTI-FAMILY?

Glasco: LET ME CORRECT. 6208 IS THE SUBJECT TRACT BEFORE YOU TODAY.

McCracken: RIGHT.

Glasco: AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN HAS RECOMMENDED MULTI-FAMILY, BUT AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT DURING THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS COUNCIL CHANGED THE ZONING AT THAT TIME, CHANGED THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO SHOW IT AS COMMERCIAL MIXED USE, AND THEN YOU DIRECTED STAFF TO INITIATE AND FILE A ZONING CHANGE AND BRING FORWARD TO COINCIDE WITH THAT LAND USE MAP TO COMMERCIAL.

McCracken: 6210 WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD, MY UNDERSTANDING, TO BE MULTI-FAMILY

AS WELL, IS THAT RIGHT?

Glasco: CORRECT.

McCracken: AS I RECALL, 6210 WAS SOMEHOW INADVERTENTLY LISTED AS COMMERCIAL WHEN IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN LISTED AS MULTI-FAMILY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDATION?

Glasco: NO, THAT WAS NOT THE CASE.

WHAT HAPPENED WAS ON SECOND READING WHEN -- I GUESS THERE WERE A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS TO THE PLAN. AT THE VERY END OF THE PLAN WERE A FEW PROPERTIES ON LAMAR. AND WHAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIDN'T REALIZE IS THAT WHOLE TRACT THAT YOU SEE THERE AT THE TOP WITH THE -- IT'S NOT THERE ANY MORE. THE PROPERTY WE CALL 6210 BURNS IS ACTUALLY 6225 LAMAR. THE TRACT GOES ALL THE WAY THROUGH INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ITSELF DIDN'T REALIZE THAT. WE LOOKED AT THE AGENDA AND SAID, OH, ALL THESE PROPERTIES LEFT TO BE DISCUSSED ARE ON LAMAR AND THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT COMMERCIAL, AND WE ALREADY HAD THAT ALREADY PLANNED TO BE COMMERCIAL. AND SO IT WAS LATE AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEFT THE MEETING, NEVER REALIZING THAT IN FACT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A CHANGE TO ZONING INSIDE THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WOULD EXTEND INTO WHAT -- AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE FIRST MAP THAT ALICE PUT UP WAS MOSTLY SINGLE-FAMILY AT THE TIME. AND ACTUALLY, IN FACT, STILL IS. JUST BECAUSE THE ZONING CHANGED DOESN'T MEAN -- WE STILL HAVE LITTLE HOUSES ON ALL OF THOSE TRACTS THAT CHANGED COLOR.

McCracken: IS IT 6210 BURNS OR IS IT 6225 LAMAR?

Glasco: THIS TRACT HERE IN ORANGE IS WHAT WE'RE REFERRING TO AS 6208 BURNS STREET. THIS TRACT HERE IN YELLOW IN FRONT OF IT IS THE BLINDS AND DRAPERY, THAT IS ON TO LAMAR. THAT IS WHAT WE'RE CALLING 6225 NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD.

McCracken: IT APPEARS THAT IT ACTUALLY IS TWO SEPARATE

PROPERTIES, THOUGH, RIGHT?

CORRECT. IT DOES APPEAR AS TWO DIFFERENT LOTS, YES.

McCracken: AND IF I'M LOOKING AT IT RIGHT NOW, THEN -- IT APPEARS THAT IF IN FACT THIS WAS LISTED SIMPLY AS 6225 LAMAR, THEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS NOT ON NOTICE THAT 6210 BURNS WAS IN PLAY TO GO FROM SINGLE-FAMILY TO BECOMING A DRIVEWAY FOR ALARM FRONTING BUSINESS. IS THAT ACCURATE?

Glasco: YES. COUNCILMEMBER, 6225 WAS ZONED SF-3. THE PLAN RECOMMENDED CHANGING THAT TO MF-4, SO THAT WAS LISTED ON THE MAP AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD KNEW THAT THE ZONING WAS CHANGING. 6208, BECAUSE THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE STAKEHOLDERS RECOMMENDATION THEN CHANGED THE ZONING, SO IT WAS NEVER BOOSTED AS AN ITEM TO BE CHANGED AT ALL. THAT'S WHY YOU AS COUNCIL SAID OKAY, AFTER THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEFT ON FIRST READING, THINKING WHAT PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED HAD GONE THROUGH, AT SECOND READING WHEN WE CAME BACK FOR YOU TO HEAR ON THE CONTESTED TRACTS, WHICH WAS 6225, BECAUSE THE CHANGE WAS TO GO FROM SF-3, WHICH IS IN YELLOW, TO ORANGE, MR. BENNETT'S CLIENT ASKED YOU AT THE CONTESTED HEARING TO CHANGE THAT TO MIXED USE COMMERCIAL. YOU APPROVED THAT, BUT THEN BECAUSE 6208 WAS NEVER BEING REZONED AT ALL, IT WAS JUST GETTING A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN OVERLAY, YOU THEN DIRECTED US TO GO BACK AND INITIATE A CHANGE TO MATCH THE CHANGE. THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAD ALREADY LEFT AND WENT AWAY. THAT EXPLAINS --

McCracken: MY RECOLLECTION -- AND THE FIVE OF US WHO WERE ON THE COUNCIL AT THE TIME CAN ALL SPEAK FOR OURSELVES, IS WE REALIZED AT SOME POINT IN THE PROCESS THAT THERE HAD BEEN A MISTAKE OR A PROBLEM, AND THAT THE PROPERTY THAT -- BECAUSE WHAT EFFECTIVELY HAPPENED HERE WAS THAT WE TOOK A SINGLE-FAMILY ROW OF HOMES BUFFER AND VOTED TO BASICALLY TURN THIS INTO COMMERCIAL DRIVEWAYS FOR LAMAR FRONTING BUSINESSES, WHICH IF I LOOKED AT MY FRONT DOOR AND SAW THE HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET

TORN DOWN AND REPLACED BY A DRIVEWAY ON TO ONE OF OUR MOST MAJOR ARTERIALS, I WOULD BE DEEPLY UNHAPPY ABOUT IT, BUT I WOULD BE EVEN MORE UNHAPPY ABOUT IT IF THE FACT WAS THAT THE VOTE HAD NOT PRESENTED THAT ONE OF THOSE O'HOMES THAT WAS IN PLAY BE CHANGED FROM SINGLE-FAMILY TO COMMERCIAL BECAUSE IT WAS LISTED AS LAMAR FRONTAGE AND NOT THE PROPERTY AT 6210 BURNS. THE GENESIS OF THE PROBLEM HERE IS THAT WE VOTED TO CHANGE ZONING ON 6210 BURNS, BUT IT WAS LISTED AS THE LAMAR PROPERTY. SO THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS NOT ON NOTICE THAT A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME WAS ABOUT TO GO CHANGED INTO A COMMERCIAL DRIVE FRONTING TO A STORE ON ONE OF OUR MAJOR ARTERIALS. MY BELIEF HAS BEEN THAT WE SHOULD HAVE GONE BACK AND FIXED THE ORIGINAL PROBLEM, WHICH WAS THAT WE MADE A MISTAKE WHEN WE ALLOWED A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME TO BE TURNED INTO A COMMERCIAL DRIVE ON BURNS STREET ON 6210, AND THAT I THINK IT'S A MISTAKE TO THERE BY COMPOUND THE PROBLEM BY SAYING WE DID ON 6210 BURNS, WHICH WE NEVER SHOULD HAVE DONE IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND NOW LET'S GO REPEAT THE MISTAKE A SECOND TIME BY DOING IT AT 6208 BURNS. I THINK THE BETTER COURSE OF ACTION IS -- I UNDERSTAND THAT NORTH LAMAR HAS SOME ISSUES, BUT I THINK THE BETTER AND FAIRER COURSE OF ACTION TO BE TO AT LEAST GO BACK TO WHERE WE WERE. AND BECAUSE WE -- LUCKILY THE CITY DID NOT GIVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD A FAIR SAY ON OF THE CHANGE ON 6210 BURNS, BASICALLY GO BACK AND REWIND THIS THING. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN DO THAT. THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY WE CAN DO IT.

Glasco: STAFF IMPLEMENTS WHAT COUNCIL DIRECTS IT TO DO.

McCracken: IS IT REALLY THAT EASY? [LAUGHTER]

Glasco: IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THAT WAY. WE IMPLEMENT YOUR POLICY. [LAUGHTER]

COUNCIL, IF I MIGHT, BECAUSE THIS IS QUITE CONFUSING, AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN MEETING, NOT THE FIRST MEETING BECAUSE YOU DID THE UNCONTESTED, BUT AT THE ADDITIONAL HEARINGS ON IT, EACH PIECE OF THE

PROPERTY WAS BROUGHT UP ON THE OVERLAY BY BRYAN BLOCK, AND COUNCIL LOOKED AT EACH ONE OF THEM AND WE TOLD YOU OF OUR PLAN. I DON'T KNOW WHY THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIDN'T OBJECT OR WASN'T HERE, BUT IT WAS CERTAINLY DISCUSSED PUBLICLY ON THE OVERVIEW AS TO WHICH PIECE OF PROPERTY WE WERE TALKING ABOUT. AND I THINK WITH A COVENANT THAT'S IN PLACE NOW IT ADDRESSES THE MAJOR CONCERN ABOUT NO ACCESS ON TO BURNS STREET, EVERYTHING WILL BE OUT TO LAMAR. AND IF YOU SAW THE SCENARIO THAT WAS PRESENTED JUST A MOMENT AGO, IT'S PRIMARILY A PARKING LOT NEXT TO AN APARTMENT PARKING LOT, WHICH THIS PARKING LOTS, PRESUME ARE COMPATIBLE. IF YOU PROHIBIT THE ENTRANCE INTO BURNS, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT, BEHIND A FENCE AND A LANDSCAPED AREA IN BETWEEN. YOU WILL HAVE THE ZONING THERE THAT WOULD HAVE THE SCENARIO THAT'S UP THERE FOR YOU. BUT THE PUBLIC HEARING WHERE WE HAD THAT, I THINK ALL THE COUNCILMEMBERS EXCEPT FOR THE NEW ONES LOOKING AT THAT PROJECTION THERE KNEW WHICH PIECE OF PROPERTY WE WERE TALKING ABOUT. I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MIGHT THINK LAMAR IS LAMAR AND NOT BURNS, BUT I GUESS THEY WEREN'T HERE TO RAISE OBJECTIONS TO IT.

McCracken: I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE, THOUGH -- I DO WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE CORRECTLY UNDERSTANDING, INCLUDING UNDERSTANDING THE SITUATION THAT THE PROPERTIES ON BURNS ARE CURRENTLY SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES OR ARE THEY CURRENTLY PARKING LOTS OR APARTMENT BUILDINGS? OR THE FIELDS? WHAT'S THERE ON BURNS STREET RIGHT NOW?

ON OUR PROPERTY, THE TWO, IF YOU WILL, BOTH OF THEM, THERE'S AN UNPAVED PARKING AREA TO THE NORTH. THE PARKING ON THE TRACT THAT WE'RE CONSIDERING TODAY HAS A DRIVEWAY. BOTH PROPERTIES HAS A DRIVEWAY. IT IS USED AS A PARKING AND DRIVEWAY. THERE ARE SOME OLD MINI -- OLD WAREHOUSING THAT ENCROACH SOMEWHAT INTO THE EXISTING SITE THAT WE'RE CONSIDERING TODAY AND THEN THE REST OF IT IS VACANT, SAVE AND EXCEPT FOR THE DRIVE THAT SERVICES THE FACILITY.

IT'S NOT CURRENTLY SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES THERE, IT'S CURRENTLY PARKING LOTS?

THE EASTERN PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY ARE VACANT EXCEPT FOR THE INTRUSION OF THE WAREHOUSING AND THE DRIVEWAYS THAT LEAD OUT TO BURNS.

CAN I ADD SOMETHING TO THAT? IN THE DIAGRAM YOU CAN SEE THE CORNER OF LAMAR PLACE AND BURNS STREET. THAT IS AN APARTMENT BUILDING AND THEY DO HAVE A PARKING LOT RIGHT THERE. WHAT WE CALL 62 10 OR 6225 LAMAR, SF-3, THAT YELLOW LINE, I GUESS THEY'RE SAYING IS A DRIVEWAY AND PARKING AND THERE'S LIKE AN UNPAVED DRIVEWAY THERE. I NEVER SEE IT USED, NEVER SEE CARS PARKED THERE. SO IN ESSENCE THOSE TWO PROPERTIES ARE OPEN FIELDS AND THEN EVERY OTHER YELLOW SPOT THAT YOU SEE HAS A SMALL OLDER SINGLE-FAMILY HOME. THE PEOPLE ACROSS THE STREET, SMALL SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES.

McCracken: I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I UNDERSTAND THIS FACT CORRECTLY, THOUGH. WHEN IT CAME UP AT COUNCIL, THE PROPERTY WAS IDENTIFIED AS 6225 LAMAR AND IT WAS NOT IDENTIFIED AS 6210 BURNS, IS THAT CORRECT? > THAT'S CORRECT.

I BELIEVE THAT TO BE CORRECT BECAUSE IT'S ONE PIECE.
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McCracken: I'M LOOKING AT THE MAP AND IT SHOWS TWO DIFFERENT LOTS.

I'M SORRY.

McCracken: GO AHEAD.

I THINK THAT'S A ZONING LINE AND NOT A LOT LINE. THE NORTH TRACT IS ALL ONE PIECE. THE SOUTH TRACT IS IN TWO PARTS, THE PART THAT WE'RE ADDRESSING AND THE WESTERN PORTION THAT GOES OUT TO LAMAR.

McCracken: OKAY. IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTOODING TOO, MS.

DANIEL?

IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING NOW. YES, THE PROPERTY WAS LISTED ON YOUR AGENDA AS 6225 NORTH LAMAR. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND UNTIL LATER -- I SAW THE SAME MAP YOU SEE, WHICH ZONING LINE, PROPERTY LINE, LOOKS LIKE A PROPERTY LINE TO ME, AND WE CONSIDERED THAT 6210 BURNS. SO WE NEVER REALIZED THAT THAT WAS UP FOR DISCUSSION.

McCracken: MS. GLASGO, CAN YOU AT LEAST FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, WHAT -- HOW DID STAFF AND HOW DID THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSIDER THIS 6225 NORTH LAMAR/6210 BURNS?

6225 LAMAR IS ALL ONE -- FROM A LEGAL SUBDIVISION STANDPOINT, IT'S ONE LOT. IT'S WHAT WE CALL A THROUGH LOT. YOU CAN ACCESS IT FROM EITHER SIDE AS A THROUGH LOT. AND YOU HAVE A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS IN FRONT, THAT'S WHY THE ZONING MAP DIVIDES IT AS COMMERCIAL. THE ZONING IN BACK WAS NEVER CHANGED, IT'S SINGLE-FAMILY APPROXIMATE. SO THE LINE JUST DESIGNATES THE DIFFERENCE IN ZONING DISTRICTS, NOT THE LEGALITY OF THE LOT.

McCracken: AND THEN THE -- SO WHEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN WAS FORMULATED, WAS IT THE INTENTION TO HAVE SEPARATE ZONINGS FOR THESE TWO PORTIONS OF THAT BLOCK?

YES. THAT WAS THE INTENT. THE STAKEHOLDERS AND STAFF, WE WORKED TOGETHER AND WHEN WE GAVE THEM THE PLANNING FENCE WAS TO APPLY YOUR SCALED BACK FROM COMMERCIAL TO MULTI-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL. THEY FOLLOWED AUTOPSY AND DECIDED TO UP ZONE WHAT SINGLE-FAMILY IN YELLOW TO ORANGE TO MATCH WHAT ALREADY THERE. BECAUSE THE FRONT PART WAS ALREADY ZONED AND USED COMMERCIALLY, SO IT WAS MADE SO INTENTIONALLY, THE PLANNING COMMISSION THEN RECOMMENDED THE SAME THING UP TO THE CITY COUNCIL LEVEL. AND UNTIL THE OWNER SPOKE IN OPPOSITION, THEN

COUNCIL GRANTED THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST.

McCracken: THAT'S A LITTLE BIT CLEARER. I MEAN, THERE WERE AN IMMENSE NUMBER OF VOTES ON THIS PLAN WE HAD, BUT I CAN SEE WHY BOTH SIDES THOUGHT -- VIEWED IT THE WAY THEY DID. FROM A PLANNING PERSPECTIVE, YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO KIND OF INDUSTRIALIZE A SINGLE-FAMILY STREET, YOU WOULD WANT TO CREATE THE BUFFER THERE. AND SO IT SEEMED LIKE MULTI-FAMILY WAS A GOOD USE OF IT. IF WE WERE VIEWING THIS AS LAMAR PROPERTY, WE WOULD APPLY THE PRINCIPALING PRINCIPLES THAT APPLY -- PRINCIPLES THAT APPLY TO LAMAR, WHICH WOULD BE COMMERCIAL.

COUNCILMEMBER, I THINK THAT COVENANT, ONCE AGAIN --

Mayor Wynn: MR. BENNETT, A QUESTION WAS NOT ASKED OF YOU. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

I'M SORRY.

Alvarez: FOR STAFF THEN. I SEE WHERE ECONOMIC'S TRYING TO GO WITH THIS, BUT -- WHERE WHERE COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken'S TRYING TO GO WITH THIS, BUT IF THE COUNCIL WERE TO WANT -- LIKE WHAT COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken WAS SAYING, GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN, WHATEVER WAS RECOMMENDED UNDER THE ORIGINAL PLAN, THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH A ZONING CHANGE AND THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A NOTICE PROCESS, ETCETERA, AND SO HOW LONG DOES THAT USUALLY TAKE BEFORE YOU EVEN GET TO PLANNING COMMISSION, IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN?

IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, FIRST OF ALL, COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO PLACE AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA TO DIRECT STAFF TO INITIATE A PLAN AMENDMENT TO TAKE IT BACK TO MULTI-FAMILY AND TO ISSUE A ZONING CHANGE TO TAKE IT BACK TO MULTI-FAMILY. SO IT DEPENDS ON HOW SOON YOU DIRECT US TO GO BACK AND ISSUE THE PROCESS.

Alvarez: SO AT LEAST TWO WEEKS FOR THAT AND THEN YOU HAVE THE NOTICE. YOU HAVE THE PROCESS TO REQUEST, GET READY TO NOTICE BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN GET ON THE

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA.

CORRECT.

Alvarez: MY POINT IS REALLY THAT BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE COMMERCIAL ZONING ON 2610, ALL THEY HAVE TO DO BEFORE WE VOTE TO CHANGE THEIR ZONING, WHICH COULD BE THREE TO SIX MONTHS, COULD BE A LOT LONGER THAN THAT, ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS FILE THE APPLICATION, THE SITE PLAN APPLICATION AND THEN THEY'RE GRANDFATHERED FROM ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT POINT. IS THAT CORRECT, MS. GLASGO?

Glasco: THAT'S CORRECT.

Alvarez: IS MY UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THIS BARTON SPRINGS STUFF IS WORKED, IS AS SOON AS YOU SUBMIT THE APPLICATION, THEN THE RULES ARE FROZEN EVEN THOUGH -- THIS APPLIES FOR EVERYTHING THAT WAY. AND SO I THINK MS. DANIEL WAS CORRECT THAT IF THEY GET WHAT THEY WANT RIGHT NOW, WHICH IS TO KEEP IT MF-3, THEN THEY HAVE SEVERAL MONTHS TO KIND OF FREEZE THE ZONING ON 2610 AND GET THEIR SITE PLAN AND DEVELOP 2610 TO SUPPORT THE EXISTING BUSINESS. AND SO THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF TRYING TO GET THAT RESTRICTIVE COVENANT THAT LIMITS THE ACCESS TO BURNS AND TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT WHAT MS. DANIEL DESCRIBED AS THE WORST POSSIBLE OUTCOME FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS THAT THEY WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE A DRIVEWAY RIGHT AT THAT INTERSECTION. AND I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE NAME OF THAT STREET IS THERE, BUT I THINK THAT'S ACTUALLY WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE ACTUALLY DENIED THIS REQUEST AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT. AND I THINK THAT'S -- AS SHE WAS SAYING, IT'S MAYBE THE WORST POSSIBLE OUTCOME FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I JUST WANTED TO KIND OF ASK ABOUT THE TIMING OF THOSE -- HOW LONG A REZONING WOULD TAKE AND OBVIOUSLY HOW LONG THE APPLICANT WOULD HAVE TO KIND OF GET THE EXISTING RULES FROZEN AND THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ZONING THAT'S IN PLACE CURRENTLY.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. I AGREE WITH

YOUR POSITION. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: LET ME SEE IF I UNDERSTAND THIS. I'M TRYING TO CATCH UP REAL FAST HERE. I THINK WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS THAT THE REQUEST TO REZONE TO GR-MU-CO-NP WITH A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY AS YOU OUTLINED, THAT WAS ALSO RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION? IS THAT CORRECT?

THE SECOND TIME AROUND.

Leffingwell: BUT IT'S THE STANDING RECOMMENDATION RIGHT NOW.

YES.

Leffingwell: AND THAT IS ALSO AGREEABLE TO THE APPLICANT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE VALID PETITION?

I GUESS WHAT I WOULD SAY ABOUT THAT, AND I'M NOT SURE I COMPLETELY FOLLOWED THAT, BUT AGAIN AS COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SAID, YOU KNOW, IN THE BEST OF ALL WORLDS, WE WOULD LIKE BOTH OF THOSE PROPERTIES TO BE CONSIDERED AND ZONED CONSISTENT WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AS THE NEIGHBORHOOD BROUGHT FORWARD THROUGH OUR DELIBERATE PROCESS. BUT GIVEN THE CURRENT SITUATION AS COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ LAID OUT, THE NEIGHBORHOOD PREFERS THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT TO BE IN PLACE, TO NOT RISK THE DRIVEWAY GOING IN ON 62 10 OR 6225.

Leffingwell: SO THE ANSWER IS YES?

I THINK SO.

Leffingwell: OKAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: AND THEN MS. GLASGO, SO THE STANDING STAFF RECOMMENDATION ALSO IS MORE OF THIS CONTEMPLATED ACTION ON THIRD READING?

YES. AND IT'S STILL A VALID PETITION, SO WE NEED SIX

VOTES TO APPROVE THE ZONING AS IT STANDS, GR-MU-CO-NP. THERE IS A VALID PETITION FROM THE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT KICKED THAT IN.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I SEE WITH ALL THE CONDITIONS HERE OF EMERGENCY ACCESS DRIVEWAY AND REQUIRING TO INSTALL A FENCE PARALLEL TO BURNS STREET, AND YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT THE CHILDREN THAT USE THAT ACCESS TO GO TO SCHOOL, THEY WALK TO SCHOOL. IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID?

WELL, THEY WOULDN'T USE THE ACCESS THAT WOULD BE BLOCKED FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES. IF YOU LOOK AT THE MAP, YOU CAN SEE ON THE MAP THAT'S GOT THE HIGHLIGHTER COLORING ON IT, THERE'S A CUL-DE-SAC THERE. AND AROUND THAT CUL-DE-SAC ARE PRETTY DENSE MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENTS. AND AT THE CORNER OF -- WELL, TWO BLOCKS AWAY IS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND SO THE KIDS WALKED DOWN BURNS STREET TO GET TO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SO THEY WOULD PASS IN FRONT OF THAT EMERGENCY ACCESS. >>

KIM: AND ARE THERE SIDEWALKS ON BOTH SIDES OF BURNS STREET?

WE HAVE SOME SIDEWALKS. WE HAVE A SIDEWALK -- THERE ARE SOME SIDEWALKS BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE THAT THE HOUSES ARE KIND OF ON THE SIDE ON HAMMOCK AND DENSON. THIS SIDE OF THE HOUSE THERE'S NOT A SIDEWALK THERE.

Kim: THERE AREN'T ANY SIDEWALKS ON THE SINGLE-FAMILY SIDE ON THE -- I GUESS ON THE EAST SIDE OR THE WEST SIDE OR BOTH WHERE THOSE HOMES ARE?

YEAH. I THINK WE HAVE SIDEWALKS ON THE WEST SIDE, BUT NOT THE EAST SIDE.

NO. NO SIDEWALKS ON THE -- [INAUDIBLE].

Kim: SO ARE THE CHILDREN WALKING BASICALLY DOWN

BURNS STREET ON THE STREET?

PROBABLY. IT'S A PRETTY OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, AND SO THERE'S -- THERE ARE FEW SIDEWALKS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. >>

Kim: OKAY, THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?
COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

Dunkerley: I THINK ONE REASON THIS -- THERE IT IS. OKAY. I THINK ONE OF THE REASONS THIS HAS BEEN SO DIFFICULT FROM -- ORIGINALLY WHEN I TALKED TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD, IT SEEMED THEY HAD TWO CONCERNS. ONE IS THEY DIDN'T WANT THE COMMERCIAL INTRUDING INTO THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND SECONDLY, THEY DIDN'T WANT ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC ON THE STREET. ONE OF THE SOLUTIONS IS TO KEEP IT MULTI-FAMILY, AND IF THAT IS DEVELOPED MULTI-FAMILY YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE TRAFFIC ON THE STREETS. AND IF YOU LEFT THE COMMERCIAL STAY AND GET THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT BLOCKING ACCESS, YOU SOLVE THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM, BUT YOU STILL HAVE THE INTRUSION PROBLEM. SO THAT'S WHY IT'S BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO TRY TO NOT ONLY FERRET OUT ALL THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN THIS LONG HISTORY, BUT HOW TO RESOLVE THE TWO DIFFERENT ISSUES THAT YOU HAVE. SO I JUST WANTED TO THROW THAT IN THE MIX AS WELL.

Mayor Wynn: COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM 41.

Alvarez: MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: I MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THIS ITEM ON THIRD READING WITH THE SAME CONDITIONS THAT WE HAD ON SECOND READING. AND INCLUDING THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT THAT IS REFERENCED IN THE BACKUP.

ALL RIGHT. THAT WILL DO IT.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ TO APPROVE ON THIRD READING CASE 41 WITH THE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AS OUTLINED. I'LL SECOND THAT. FURTHER COMMENTS? NOTING THAT THERE'S A VALID PETITION.

Leffingwell: MET ME JUST SAY THAT I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR IT.

Mayor Wynn: UNDERSTOOD. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. ON THIRD READING. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. MS. GLASGO?

THAT TAKES US TO ITEM NUMBER Z-4, CASE C-14-05-0066. THIS IS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11704 THROUGH 11706 NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD. THE EXISTING ZONING IS LO AND THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING GR, WHICH STANDS FOR COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. THE TRACT IS -- IT HAS EXISTING USES. WE ANNEXED THIS AREA OF THE PROPERTY IN 1984 WITH SOME PREEXISTING USES, WHICH OBVIOUSLY HAVE CONTINUED TO EXIST. HOWEVER, THE APPLICANT NOW WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A ZONING CHANGE IN ORDER TO MAKE THOSE USES LEGALLY CONFORMING WITH COMMERCIAL ZONING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THE CHANGE WITH CONDITIONS, AND THE CONDITIONS ARE TO -- INITIALLY ON YOUR AGENDA IT SHOWS THERE ARE TWO TRACTS. THE APPLICANT AMENDED THE APPLICATION TO DELETE TRACT 2 FROM THE SUBJECT TRACT BECAUSE BOTH THE STAFF AND THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO ZONE THE REAR PORTION OF THE TRACT LO, WHICH IS ALREADY ZONED LO, TO LEAVE IT LO AND ONLY ZONE THE FRONT PORTION, TRACT 1, TO GR ZONING. SO THE APPLICANT HAS AMENDED THE APPLICATION TO DELETE THAT PORTION. BASICALLY IS AGREEING WITH THE STAFF AND THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO LEAVE THAT PORTION LIMITED

OFFICE AS IT'S CURRENTLY ZONED. SO THAT IS THE CHANGE YOU SEE. WE WILL JUST HAVE ONE TRACT AND NOT TWO AS SHOWN ON YOUR AGENDA AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION, THERE IS OPPOSITION TO THIS CASE, AND TO BRING THE EXISTING USES IN CONFORMANCE WITH ZONING, WITH A LIST OF PROHIBITED USES AND ALSO LIMITING THE TRIPS OF TRACT 1 TO 2,000 TRIPS PER DAY. I'LL PAUSE HERE AND RESPOND TO QUESTIONS AS THEY MAY ARISE AFTER YOU HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT AND CITIZENS.

Mayor Wynn: I'M SORRY, MS. GLASGO. SO STAFF RECOMMENDATION IS WHAT?

THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION IS GR-CO FOR TRACT 1. THIS IS JUST THE TRACT THAT REMAINS NOW. AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION IS THE SAME, WAS A PROHIBITION OF USES, THERE ARE SEVERAL OF THEM THAT ARE PROHIBITED, AND A TRIP LIMITATION OF 2,000 TIPS PER DAY. TRIPS PER DAY.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. THANK YOU.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, WE WILL HAVE A FIVE-MINUTE PRESENTATION BY THE APPLICANT, OWNER-AGENT, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THOSE FOLKS IN FAVOR OF THE ZONING CASE. WE'LL THEN HEAR FROM THOSE FOLKS IN OPPOSITION, WITH A ONE-TIME REBUTTAL FROM THE APPLICANT. WELCOME, SIR.

MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL, MY NAME IS ALLEN CRAIG AND I'M SPEAKING HERE ON BEHALF OF MR. TRAN, THE OWNER AND APPLICANT ON THE PROPERTY. AS HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP, THE TRACT CURRENTLY AS IT STANDS IS ZONED LO, AND WITH THE AMENDED APPLICATION HE IS ASKING THAT TRACT 1, WHICH IS THE TRACT ADJACENT TO LAMAR, BE REZONED AS GR. WE FEEL THAT THAT WILL HAVE A MINIMAL OR A NEGLIGIBLE IMPACT WITH REGARD TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE WEST THERE'S A NATURAL BUFFER, WHICH IS THE CREEK, WALNUT CREEK, AND THEN THE TRACT 2 WOULD REMAIN LO AS IT IS. WE FEEL THAT THERE ARE BENEFITS ACCRUING TO

THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE EXTENT THAT PRESENTLY THERE'S AN OLD DLAP DATED -- DILAPIDATED BUILDING THERE WHICH IS BEING USED AS AN APPLIANCE REPAIR SHOP. IF THE PROPERTY WERE TO BE REZONED GR, THE APPLICANT WOULD RAISE THAT BUILDING AND PLANS TO BUILD EITHER A RESTAURANT AND/OR A MARKET TO SERVE THE ASIAN COMMUNITY IN THE AREA. THIS WE FEEL IS CONSISTENT WOULD BE THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF THIS PROPERTY AND IS CONSISTENT WITH NORTH LAMAR AS IT STANDS NOW AS A COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR. AS WE FOUND OUT, WE WERE HOPING THAT I WOULD BE DESIGNATED AGENT FOR THE APPLICANT AND I WAS GOING TO OFFER REBUTTAL. LAST TIME WHEN WE WERE IN FRONT OF THE ZONING COMMISSION, THERE WERE A LOT OF ELOQUENT ARGUMENTS MADE WITH REGARD TO SAVING THE WILDLIFE IN THE AREA. AND SO I WOULD GO AHEAD AND MAKE THOSE COMMENTS NOW.

Mayor Wynn: YOU WILL HAVE A THREE-MINUTE REBUTTAL AFTER YOU HEAR THE OPPOSING.

OKAY. I THOUGHT I WASN'T GOING TO BE ALLOWED TO BE THAT BECAUSE I WASN'T REALLY DESIGNATED THE AGENT FOR THE APPLICANT.

Mayor Wynn: NO. WE'LL GIVE YOU THAT OPPORTUNITY. SO PRESENT YOUR CASE IN FAVOR OF THE ZONING AND THEN WE'LL HEAR --

ESSENTIALLY, THAT'S OUR CASE IN CHIEF.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SIR. QUESTIONS OF MR. CRAIG, COUNCIL? SO IF NOT, THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM FOLKS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP IN FAVOR OF THIS ZONING REQUEST. AND WE'LL START WITH ROSE SCHNEIDER. WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY ALLEN CRAIG. THAT WAS MR. CRAIG, WASN'T IT?

THANK YOU. I'M ROSE SCHNEIDER AND I'M A RESIDENT OF NORTH PARK ESTATES. I'VE LIVED THERE ALMOST 30 YEARS, AND I HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD JUST AS EVERYONE ELSE. I AM VERY ENVIRONMENTALLY CONNECTED. I LOVE ALL THE ANIMALS, THE DEER, THE RACK

COON EXCEPT WHEN THEY TRY TO GET INTO MY HOUSE, THE BIRDS EXCEPT WHEN THEY TRY TO EAT MY TOMATOES, AND EVEN THE SQUIRRELS WHEN I CAN GET ONLY A FEW FIGURES AND A FEW PEAR. BUT I DO LOVE THE ANIMALS AND I'M JUST AS INTERESTED IN THEM AS EVERYONE ELSE. I DID POLL A FEW OF MY NEIGHBORS JUST ON MY STREET IN JUST A FEW VERY MINUTES, 10 OR 15 MINUTES, AND EVERYONE THAT I ASKED WHO WOULD SUPPORT THIS ZONING CHANGE SIGNS MY FORM. AND I WOULD LIKE TO PASS IT AROUND. JUST A FEW OF MY NEIGHBORS ON CIRCLE BEND DRIVE. NORTH LAMAR HAS ALWAYS BEEN COMMERCIAL. AT ONE TIME THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD GET OUT OF TOWN. THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD GO TO DALLAS AND BACK. YOU CAN'T STOP TRAFFIC. IT'S THERE. YOU HAVE A WAL-MART UP THE STREET, YOU HAVE A LOWE'S UP THE STREET, AND IN EVERY DIRECTION THERE'S BUILDING. YOU CAN'T STOP PROGRESS. THE APPLIANCE STORE ON THIS PROPERTY DOES NOT ENHANCE THE PROPERTY. IT'S TIME FOR THE OLD TO GO AND SOMETHING NEW TO GO UP. I HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT THIS ZONING CHANGE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. SCHNEIDER. AND SO WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM THOSE FOLKS IN OPPOSITION OF THE ZONING CASE, AND WE'LL START WITH CHARLES THORNTON? ARE YOU HERE?

START WITH WAYNE --

Mayor Wynn: WAYNE (INDISCERNIBLE). STEP RIGHT UP. IS MARGARET JOINER HERE? HI. HOW ABOUT SANDY TOBIAS. AND DAVID SEGALL? HELLO, DAVID. SO THAT MEANS, WAYNE, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO 12 MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT. YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CHARLES THORNTON.

MAYOR WYNN, COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M WAYNE TOBIAS, PRESIDENT OF THE WALNUT CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. THIS SECTION OF LAMAR IS A MAJOR ROAD PASSING THROUGH NEIGHBORHOODS. IT SHOULD NOT BE MADE INTO A SHOPPING THOROUGHFARE ENCOMPASSED BY NEIGHBORHOODS. THE NEIGHBORHOOD ALONG THIS SECTION OF LAMAR CAME INTO EXISTENCE IN 1950 WHEN LAMAR WAS A TWO-LANE ROAD WITH A WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME USING THIS. THERE WE GO. HOMES BUILT TO THE EAST OF -- HOME SITES INCLUDED LARGE LOTS ON LAMAR WITH MAGNIFICENT LIVE OAKS. HOMES BUILT TO THE EAST OF LAMAR EVENTUALLY BECAME THE WALNUT CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD. AND TO THE WEST, THE NORTH PARK ESTATES. BACK THEN THIS AREA WAS CONSIDERED OUT IN THE COUNTRY RELATIVE TO AUSTIN. IN THE '70'S, STRIP MALLS, NIGHTCLUBS, AUTO SALES AND REPAIR BUSINESSES WERE RAPIDLY APPROACHING THIS COUNTRY-LIKE NEIGHBORHOOD. IN THE EARLY '80'S SOME OF THE HOMEOWNERS ON LAMAR SOLD OUT TO ADVANCING BUSINESSES. IN 1982 THE NEIGHBORHOODS PETITIONED AND WERE LIMITED PURPOSE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY. IN 1985 THE NEIGHBORHOOD WORKED WITH THE CITY PLANNERS TO DEVELOP THE NORTH LAMAR STUDY. BY TODAY'S DEFINITION, THIS IS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. IN THE PLAN MOST PROPERTIES ALONG THIS SECTION OF LAMAR WERE ZONED EITHER LO OR WLO. THIS ZONING WAS THEN AND STILL IS APPROPRIATE ZONING FOR THIS AREA. BUSINESSES ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO THE STUDY WERE GRANDFATHERED AND ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AS NONCONFORMING. MANY ARE IN EXISTENCE TODAY. THE GRANDFATHERED APPLIANCE RESALE BUSINESS ON THIS LOT IS ONE SUCH BUSINESS. IT IS ALSO ONE OF THE ORIGINAL BUSINESSES THAT CAUSED NEIGHBORS TO WANT TO DEVELOP THE NORTH LAMAR STUDY. SINCE THE PLAN'S INCEPTION, THE NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE BEEN DILIGENT IN TRYING TO MAINTAIN THE ESTABLISHED ZONING IN THE STUDY. IT HAS PAID OFF. THIS PART OF NORTH LAMAR NOW HAS FOUR PLACES OF WORSHIP AND TWO PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITH A THIRD UNDER CONSIDERATION. I BELIEVE IF THE NEIGHBORS HAD NOT INSISTED ON A PLAN TO PROTECT THIS SECTION OF LAMAR FROM GR BUSINESSES WE WOULD HAVE HAD AN AREA WITH THE SAME INTENSIVE BUSINESS AND CONGESTIVE TRAFFIC PATTERNS THAT CAN BE FOUND ON LAMAR JUST SOUTH OF BRAKER. NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO START CHANGING THE PLAN. THERE ARE TOO MANY GR BUSINESSES LOCATED NEAR THIS NEIGHBORHOOD ALREADY. CURRENTLY IN A CONSERVATIVE COUNT, THERE ARE 64 BUSINESSES FRONTING OR JUST OFF OF LAMAR IN THE FIRST 3500 FEET SOUTH OF BRAKER. THIS IS THE SAME DISTANCE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD EXTENDS

NORTH OF BRAKER. THE COUNT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE 10 TWO SHOPS IN THE ASIAN SHOPPING CENTER SOON TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION AT BRAKER AND LAMAR. NOR DOES IT INCLUDE THE CHINA TOWN CENTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO THE EAST. THIS CENTER WILL ADD AN ADDITIONAL 45 SHOPS AT KRAMER AND LAMAR JUST SOUTH OF BRAKER. NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE AREA WORKED AND SUPPORTED BOTH THE CHINA TOWN SHOPPING CENTER AND THE ASIAN MARKET IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT. THE MAJORITY OF BUSINESSES ALONG THIS SECTION OF LAMAR ARE GR, SOME ARE CS AND IT INCLUDES FURNITURE, SUPPLIES AND AUTO PARTS STORES TO NAME A FEW. THE NEW SHOPPING CENTERS WILL THROUGH SEVERAL RESTAURANTS, PERSONAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, A LARGE ASIAN GROCERY STORE AND VARIOUS RETAIL SHOPS TYPICALLY FOUND IN STRIP MALLS AND SHOPPING CENTERS. BASED ON INFORMATION GATHERED AND WHAT EXISTS TODAY, OUT OF 119 BUSINESSES IN THE FIRST SEVEN-TENTHS OF A MILE ALONG LAMAR SOUTH OF BRAKER, ONLY THREE ARE LIMITED OFFICE ESTABLISHMENTS. PLEASE TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN MAKING YOUR DECISION TONIGHT. AREAS IN GR DENSITY INVARIABLY HAVE FEW IF ANY LO BUSINESSES. IT'S HARD TO SAY WHY THIS IS TRUE. BUT IT MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE GENERAL APPEARANCE. MANY ARE NO MORE THAN SUPER SIZED METAL GARAGES WITH CHEAP FACADES AND PARKING LOTS THAT SEEM TO BE BUILT RIGHT UP TO THE EDGE OF THE STREET. THERE ARE NO TREES OR LARGE SHRUBS TO ISOLATE THE PARKING PAVEMENT FROM THE STREET. AFTER ALL, THE SHRUBS MAY BLOCK THE SIGN. AH, YES, THE SIGNS. LOTS OF SIGNS. IT SEEMS GR BUSINESSES COMPETE FOR ATTENTION BY PUTTING UP BIGGER, MORE BIZARRE AND SOMETIMES JUST MORE SIGNS AND MORE SIGNS. CONTRAST THIS TO TYPICAL LO BUSINESS COMPLEXES. THE CURRENT DESIGNATION FOR THIS PROPERTY, OFFICE BUILDINGS MUST PRESENT A PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE WHICH BEGINS AT THE STREET. USUALLY NO MORE THAN ONE SIGN, IF ANY, IS VISIBLE IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. CUSTOMERS ARE WELCOME WITH ATTRACTIVE LANDSCAPING, TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS BEGINNING AT THE ENTRANCE AND OFTEN THROUGHOUT THE PARKING AND STRUCTURES. THIS TYPE

OF APPEARANCE WILL BE MUCH MORE APPROPRIATE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE HAVE ALL DRIVEN MAJOR ROADS LIKE LAMAR AND PASSED THOSE TYPES OF BUSINESS AREAS. WHICH ONE WOULD YOU AREA LIVE NEAR? INCIDENTALLY, THE PICTURE YOU'RE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW IS LOOKING SOUTH FROM BRAKER, THIS PICTURE IS LOOKING NORTH, TAKING APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES APART FROM EACH OTHER THIS AFTERNOON. NOW, AT THIS TIME WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WOULD LIKE CHARLES THORNTON FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION.

MAYOR WYNN, MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS, COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS CHARLES THORNTON. I'M A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WALNUT CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND AN EIGHT AND A HALF YEAR RESIDENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. HERE'S ANOTHER ITEM TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION. AS MENTIONED EARLIER, THERE ARE OR WILL BE 119 BUSINESSES ALONG THE FIRST 3600 FEET OF LAMAR SOUTH OF BRAKER. ACTUALLY, ONE CAN DRIVE SEVERAL MILES FURTHER SOUTH AND STILL FIND INTENSE GR BUSINESSES WITH VERY FEW COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICES. CONSIDERING THE DENSE POPULATION BROUGHT ON BY APARTMENTS AND DENSE ZONING NEAR BRAKER, I WOULD THINK A CHILD CARE CENTER SUCH AS THAT WOULD BE DESIRABLE CLOSE BY. THERE IS ALSO AN OBVIOUS LACK OF REAL ESTATE OFFICES, INSURANCE OFFICES, INVESTMENT OFFICES AND ENGINEERING AND LEGAL OFFICES. TO NAME A FEW OTHER PROFESSIONS THAT WOULD BE WELCOME IN THE AREA. THESE LO BUSINESSES ARE ALL COMMUNITY SUPPORT BUSINESSES. ONE REASON THEY ARE LOOKING IN THE AREA IS THE HIGH DENSITY OF GR BUSINESS. IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, PROFESSIONAL LO BUSINESSES DO NOT APPEAR TO MIX WELL WITH THE ENVIRONMENTS PRESENTED BY ESTABLISHMENTS IN GR ZONING. THE CONCERNS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE THE NORTH LAMAR STUDY WAS DEVELOPED. RESIDENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD BORDERING THIS SECTION OF LAMAR DO NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT GR ZONING FREQUENTLY BRINGS, EVEN WITH RESTRICTIONS. WE WANT TO SUPPORT THE ASIAN

COMMUNITY TO THE NORTH, THE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE HIGHER DENSITY COMMUNITIES TO THE SOUTH. TO DO THIS WE NEED A GOOD MIX OF BUSINESSES IN THE AREA. OUR OBSERVATIONS INDICATE LO AND GR DO NOT WORK WELL WHEN PLACED CLOSE TOGETHER. WE ALREADY HAVE SOME GR ZONING AND GRANDFATHERED GR BUSINESSES IN THE AREA. THE GOOD NEWS IS CREST MONT BUSINESS CENTER OWNS A LARGE TRACT LOCATED NORTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND HAS PLANS FOR AN OFFICE-BASED BUSINESS PARK. IF WE CAN HOLD OFF REZONING ALONG THIS SECTION OF LAMAR A LITTLE LONGER, WE FEEL THE PUSH WILL COME FROM THE DESIRED OFFICE DEVELOPERS. CONSIDERING THIS SECTION OF LAMAR ALREADY HAS THREE CHURCHES, TWO SCHOOLS, A MOSQUE AND A COMMUNITY CENTER ALONG WITH SEVERAL LO BUSINESSES, IT IS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. NOW IS THE TIME TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY ALLOWING COMMUNITY SUPPORTED LO BUSINESSES TO DEVELOP AND LIMIT ADDITIONAL GR BUSINESSES. MAYOR WYNN, COUNCILMEMBERS, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU DENY THIS GR ZONING. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. THORNTON. OUR LAST SPEAKER IN OPPOSITION TO THE ZONING CASE IS JANET KLOTZ. IS SHE HERE? SHE'S NOT HERE. OKAY. JANET IS SHOWN AS ALSO BEING AGAINST THE ZONING CASE. SO MR. CRAIG, YOU CAN HAVE ONE THREE-MINUTE REBUTTAL. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. CRAIG, EXCUSE ME. SO, COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL OF THE FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP IN -- FOR THE ZONING CASE. I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

SO MOVE.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? I HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS FOR MS. GLASGO OR STAFF. COULD YOU WALK US THROUGH THE CONDITIONS AND/OR RESTRICTIONS THAT -- THAT WERE

APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR
RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Glasgo: THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDED THE REQUEST FOR GR-CO FOR THIS
PARTICULAR TRACT WITH FRONTAGE ON LAMAR
BOULEVARD, WHICH WE ARE REFERRING TO AS TRACT 1.
WHICH PROHIBITS SEVERAL USES, LIMITS THE TRIPS. THE
COMMISSION FURTHER INDICATED THAT THEY ALSO
PROHIBIT PARKING FOR USES DEVELOPED ON TRACT 1 AND
REQUIRE A MINIMUM 100-FOOT DEVELOPMENT SETBACK
FROM THE CENTER OF WALNUT CREEK. THAT WOULD BE
THE TRACT TO THE BACK, WHICH IS NO LONGER A PART OF
THAT. SO THEY JUST SIMPLY RECOMMENDED GR ZONING
WITH THE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY. THE GR-CO, IS THE
ZONING. RECOMMEND FOR THE SUBJECT TRACT, WHAT THE
APPLICANT IS REQUESTING.

YOU MENTIONED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDED BOMB BOMBRECOMMEND -- THE CO
INCLUDED SOME RESTRICTED USES?

CORRECT, TO PROHIBIT THE USES LISTED IN YOUR BACKUP.
TO NUMEROUS FOR ME TO READ INTO THE RECORD.

Mayor Wynn: LOTS OF PROHIBITIONS.

Glasgo: LOTS OF USES, MORE THAN 10.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER
LEFFINGWELL?

Leffingwell: YOU SAID, THE SETBACK ON WALNUT CREEK ON
TRACT 2 AS PART OF IT?

Glasgo: CORRECT, BUT WE NO LONGER HAVE THE APPLICANT
AMENDED THE ZONING CHANGE FOR TRACT 2, WHICH WAS
TO THE BACK OF THE CREEK IS NO LONGER, AS YOU CAN
SEE ON THE MAP, IS NO LONGER PART OF THE APPLICATION
BECAUSE THE APPLICANT HAS DELETED THAT FROM THE
REQUEST. SO THEREFORE YOU CANNOT APPLY THAT
CONDITION.

Leffingwell: SO THE ONLY CO IS PROPER HINTED USES?

Glasgo: CORRECT. PROHIBITED USES AND LIMIT THE VEHICLE TRIPS TO 2,000.

Mayor Wynn: MS. GLASGO, IF THE PROHIBITED USES ARE TOO LENGTHY TO READ, COULD YOU JUST GIVE US -- BASED ON THAT, BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE, WHAT IS LIKELY TO BE BUILT ON THE TRACT WITH THIS ZONING? AND THE RESTRICTIONS?

Glasgo: WELL, THE USES THEY COULD HAVE OFFICE USES, THEY CAN HAVE A SIMILAR USE TO WHAT THEY HAVE NOW, THE CONSUMER REPAIR, APPLIANCE REPAIR, WHAT THEY HAVE NOW. THAT COULD OCCUR THERE. OFFICE USES, SOME OF THE USES THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF, ARE OPTIONS THAT COULD BE DEVELOPED SHOULD ONE WANT TO DEVELOP THOSE USES. SO THOSE ARE THE PROHIBITED LIKE AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS, AUTOMOTIVE SALES. WELL, FINANCIAL SERVICES WHICH -- THE BANK IS PROHIBITED. SOME OUTDOOR SPORTS AND RECREATION, SERVICE STATION, PET SERVICES ARE PROHIBITED. OFFICE USES, MEDICAL OFFICES THOSE COULD BE ALLOWED.

ON THE RETAIL SIDE, IS IT LIKELY THAT, YOU KNOW, MORE OF A STRIP CENTER BE BUILT OR IS IT BASED ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE AND THE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY, IT WOULD BE MORE OF A RESTAURANT OR A DIFFERENT STYLE RETAIL USE?

Glasgo: IT'S A TWO AND A HALF ACRE SITE, THE AMENDED AREA. AND THE ENTIRE TRACT ALL THE WAY BACK INCLUDING THE WHITE AREA IS 4.9 ACRES. SO YOU COULD HAVE A SMALL -- YOU COULD CREATE A SMALL RETAIL CENTER WITH PARKING IN THE BACK BECAUSE YOU HAVE L.O. ZONING. SO YOU COULD -- YOU COULD -- YOU COULD HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT IF YOU WANTED TO -- IF ONE WERE TO START FROM SCRATCH AND REBUILD. IT WOULD PROVIDE SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP THE SITE WITH MIXED USES THAT WOULD SERVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT NOT

REGIONAL TYPES OF USES.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?
COUNCILMEMBER KIM? >>

Kim: BUT THE APPLICANT IS GOING TO KEEP THE EXISTING
USE OF THE APPLIANCE RETEAR SHOP BUT HAS OTHER
USES LIKE A RESTAURANT POSSIBLY, IS THAT CORRECT.

WELL, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT FIRST OF ALL THE
APPLICANT WANTED, HAS, WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THE
USE OF -- OF -- DEMOLISH OR BUILD A NEW ONE, BUT WITH
THE CHANGE IN ZONING HE ALSO HAS THE ABILITY THAT
ENHANCES OR EXPANDS THE POSSIBILITIES OF WHAT CAN
ALSOING BE BUILT THERE. THE CURRENT ZONING IS LIMITED
OFFICE, THAT ALLOWS JUST OFFICE RELATED USES, LIMIT
THE OFFICE, MEDICAL OFFICES, BUT DOES NOT ALLOW ANY
RETAIL USES. THE USE IS THERE -- THE -- APPLIANCE REPAIR
EXISTS SIMPLY BECAUSE IT WAS THERE BEFORE WE
ANNEXED, THEREFORE HAS BEEN GRANDFATHERED. BUT
THE -- THE LEGAL ZONING IS COMMERCIAL ZONING TO MAKE
IT LEGAL. IF YOU WERE TO SEEK A LOAN, TYPICAL, THERE'S
A PROPERTY TO THE NORTH WHERE THE APPLICANT
ENCOUNTERTURED A SIMILAR CHALLENGE THAT THE --
LENDERS WEREN'T ABLE TO LEND -- DIFFICULTY LENDING
MONEY TO BUILD, EXPAND THEIR USE WITHOUT THE
PROPER ZONING. SO -- SO THAT'S SOME OF THE
CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE SEEN PEOPLE EXPRESS TO US
WHEN THEY COME IN WITH A POSSIBILITY TO EXPAND OR
REMODEL A BUSINESS THAT DOES NOT HAVE ZONING THAT
ALLOWS THAT USE. TODAY.

Kim: I'M NOT -- NOTICING IT'S BEEN DEVELOPING FOR A
WHILE, THIS IS A PLACE WHERE A LOT OF ASIAN BUSINESSES
ARE CLUSTERING WITH THE ASIAN CENTER AND THE CHINA
TOWN CENTER BEING DEVELOPED. SO I GUESS THESE
COULD BE -- THIS COULD BE A SITE FOR COMPLEMENTARY
BUSINESSES, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE
WORKING WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD, BE SURE THAT THEY
ARE MITIGATING ANY KIND OF TRAFFIC IMPACTS AND ALSO
THE FACT THAT IT'S NOT A WALNUT CREEK. I AM GLAD THEY
HAVE TAKEN OFF THE REQUEST FOR THE WESTERN TRACT
BECAUSE THAT IS RIGHT THERE. SO THAT THE -- THAT KIND

OF MITIGATES SOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES REGARDING THE IMPERVIOUS COVER. BUT I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? WE HAVE LOST OUR ATTORNEY. MS. GLASGO, IS THE ORDINANCE READY? IS THE STAFF ONLY READY FOR FIRST READING, ALL THREE READINGS?

Glasgo: FIRST READING ONLY.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. SO HEARING NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON Z-4. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO -- WE HAVE ALREADY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. SO APPROVE ON FIRST READING ONLY STAFF -- IS THAT ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON Z-4.

I'LL SECOND.

Mayor Wynn: SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM.

Thomas: COULD I ASK THE QUESTION, ON TRACT 1, GR-CO, L.O., CO?

Glasgo: TRACT 2 HAS BEEN DELETED FROM THE APPLICATION. JUST TRACT 1.

Thomas: DID I MISS THAT?

Glasgo: I'M SORRY.

Thomas: I GUESS THAT I MISSED YOU DELETED THAT.

Glasgo: IT ALREADY HAS L.O. ZONING SO THE APPLICANT DECIDED TO LEAVE IT ALONE, GIVEN OUR RECOMMENDATION.

Alvarez: MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: SO THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION

RECOMMENDATION IS -- INCLUDES ALL OF THE CONDITIONS, STAFF RECOMMENDED, EXCEPT FOR FOOD SALES? I'M READING --

Glasgo: CORRECT. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO OBVIOUSLY GRANT THE ZONING AS REQUESTED. AND -- THEY HAD LIMITED TRACT 2 TO LOW USES BUT THAT'S -- THAT'S THE TRACT TO THE REAR IN WHITE, IT'S NO LONGER PART OF THAT. THEY WANTED TO PROHIBIT MEDICAL USES AND PARKING USES FOR TRACT 1 AND REQUIRE A SETBACK FROM THE CREEK, BUT THAT'S NOT PART OF THAT. YOU ARE READING PROBABLY THE PREVIOUS, THE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY ON TRACT 1 THAT WOULD PROHIBIT USES SET OUT BY STAFF EXCEPT TO ALLOW FOOD SALES. IT WOULD ALLOW FOOD SALES EASHZ WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Alvarez: WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, GROCERY STORE?

Glasgo: YES, THAT'S WHAT FALLS UNDER FOOD SALES OR CONVENIENCE STORE AND -- AND THE -- SELLS FOOD WITH GAS AND OTHER --

Alvarez: IS CONVENIENCE STORE? I THOUGHT THAT WAS -- I THOUGHT THAT WAS NOT PERMITTED OR -- AT LEAST CONDITIONAL.

Glasgo: I'M SORRY? SOMETIMES WHEN THEY ARE NOT JUST SELLING GAS WE HAVE IT AS FOOD SALES. YOU ARE PROBABLY THINKING OF SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

Alvarez: A SERVICE STATION.

Glasgo: YOU ARE THINKING OF A SERVICE STATION, WHICH IS DIFFERENT. PROVIDING EITHER AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, JUST SERVICES YOUR VEHICLE AS OPPOSED TO WHERE YOU CAN BUY YOUR GAS, YOU CAN BUY SOME FOOD LIKE A 7-11 IS FOOD SALES AND GASOLINE, THAT'S FOOD SALES USE. AND THEN A PURE GROCERY STORE ALSO FALLS UNDER FOOD SALES. SO THE COMMISSION WANTED US TO ALLOW THAT.

Alvarez: THAT WOULD ALLOW A 7-11 OR THAT SORT OF A

THING.

Glasgo: GR ZONING WOULD ALLOW THAT.

Alvarez: WHAT IS THAT REFERRED TO -- I WOULDN'T THINK THAT NORMALLY FALLS UNDER FOOD SALES.

Glasgo: TYPICALLY, THE USE THAT HAS THE MOST REVENUE IS THE PRINCIPAL USE. TYPICALLY SOMEONE DESIGNATES WHAT THEIR PRINCIPAL USE IS. IF ALL THEY ARE SELLING IS GASOLINE THEN IT'S -- IT'S MORE OF A SERVICE STATION.

Alvarez: COKES, CHIPS OPPORTUNITIESCOUNTS AS FOOD I GUESS, FOOD SALES.

Glasgo: IF YOU GO ALONG WITH THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION, IT MODIFIED OUR RECOMMENDATION SLIGHTLY TO ALLOW FOOD SALES FROM THE LIST THAT WE HAD.

Alvarez: OKAY. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM -- JUST FROM BOTH PARTIES ON THAT PROPOSAL, WHICH IS BASICALLY TO HAVE THE CONDITIONS -- SET OUT BY STAFF, BUT ALSO -- EXCEPT PERMITTING FOOD SALES, IF THE APPLICANT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THAT AND THEN SOMEONE FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS WELL.

THE APPLICANT IS NOT WISHING TO SELL GASOLINE. THEY ARE NOT WISHING TO HAVE A CONVENIENT STORE PER SE LIKE A 7-11 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. SOMETHING MORE UPSCALE LIKE A SMALL GROCERY STORE OR A -- WHERE PEOPLE GO TO BUY THINGS, ASIAN FOODS IN QUANTITY OR IN BULK.

Alvarez: A LITTLE MARKET VERSUS FAST FOOD -- I DON'T MEAN FAST FOOD.

NOT A 7-11 OR A GAS STATION THERE. THAT'S NOT WITHIN THE CONTEMPLATION AT ALL.

Alvarez: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: MR. TOBIAS, WELCOME.

YOU ARE GOING TO STAND BEHIND ME, I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A LARGE PROBLEM WITH IT. AFTER ALL WE DID AGREE ON SIMILAR CONDITIONS ON -- WITH THE PROPERTY JUST TO THE NORTH. HOWEVER, WHEN WE AGREED ON THAT, ALL OF THOSE BUSINESSES WERE ALREADY INTACT. THEY WERE ALREADY DOING THEIR SALES, THERE WAS -- THERE WERE TWO RESTAURANTS THERE AND OTHER GR TYPE OF BUSINESSES. THIS IS ONE OF OUR CONCERNS WHEN WE EVEN ALLOWED THAT ONE BECAUSE WE ARE SEEING A DOMINO EFFECT OCCUR HERE. AS FAR AS THE FOOD SALES, YES, THERE WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT OF CONCERN. WHAT CAN I SAY? ANOTHER ISSUE THAT WE DO HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT IN -- I HOPE MS. GLASGO CAN ANSWER, WOULD THE APPLICANT BE ABLE TO BRING THE UNUSED PORTION OF WHAT IS THE TRACT 2, THE REAR TRACT, AS IMPERVIOUS COVER TO THE FORWARD TRACT, WHICH MEANS THAT WE WOULD HAVE VIRTUALLY NOTHING BUT PARKING LOT UP ON THE FORWARD TRACT.

THE OPPOSITE. BY BEING ABLE TO USE THE ENTIRE TRACT FOR IMPERVIOUS COVER, WE TAKE TWO AND A HALF ACRES OF A FRONT TRACT, BUILD PARDON ME EXPRESSION, A MONDAYS MNSTROSITY, PAVE OVER THE L.O. IN THE PARK. THEY CAN STILL ADD IMPERVIOUS COVER HAVING A BIGGER GR IN THE FRONT, HAVING BIGGER IN THE BACK BECAUSE OF L.O., THAT L.O. CAN BE PAVED OVER. THAT'S THE BIG OBJECTION TO THE GR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU ALL.

Alvarez: MS. GLASGO, THE TRACT IS CURRENTLY ZONED LO, THE ENTIRE TRACT?

Glasgo: YES.

Alvarez: LO DOES ALLOW WHAT IS IT CALLED -- PARKING, ACCESSORY PARKING OR --

Glasgo: YES, IT DOES.

Alvarez: THIS MAINTAINS LO AND THE OTHER TRACT IS

CHANGED TO GR WITH CONDITIONS AND THEORETICALLY COULD MEET PART OF THEIR PARKING OBLIGATION, YOU KNOW, ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE LOT.

Glasgo: YES. THAT -- IT CAN -- IT WILL -- IT CAN ACCOMMODATE PARKING IN THE BACK, BUT NOT -- IT WON'T ALLOW COMMERCIAL USES IN THE BACK.

Alvarez: SURE, BUT NOW THAT THAT PORTION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN, THE COUNCIL DOESN'T -- DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE ANY AUTHORITY OVER, YOU KNOW, KIND OF LIMITING ANY KIND OF USES ON THAT OTHER PORTION OF THE TRACT?

NO. CORRECT, NO, YOU CANNOT BECAUSE IT'S NOT BEFORE YOU FOR ANY ACTION SINCE IT'S BEEN REMOVED FROM THIS APPLICATION.

Alvarez: OKAY. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

Leffingwell: THE ISSUE WAS RAISED ON IMPERVIOUS COVER. COULD YOU NOT HAVE THE SAME IMPERVIOUS COVER IF THE ZONING, I MEAN IF THE WHOLE TRACT, TRACKS ONE AND TWO WERE LO, YOU COULD STILL HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF IMPERVIOUS COVER, COULD YOU NOT?

Glasgo: ACTUALLY, WHEN THE SITE PLAN IS BROUGHT FOR IN DEVELOPMENT, WE WOULD ACTUALLY -- THE DIVISION WILL SHOW THAT, WE WILL ASSESS IMPERVIOUS COVER ON THE G.O. BECAUSE YOUR IMPERVIOUS COVER IS DIFFERENT UNDER THE ZONING OR IF IT'S THE WATERSHED, IF IT'S SUBJECT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED ORDINANCE, WHICHEVER IS MORE RESTRICTIVE KICKS IN. IF IT'S PURELY UNDER ZONING IT WOULD BE ASSESSED BASED ON LO SEPARATELY AND THEN ON GR SEPARATELY.

SO THE IMPERVIOUS COVER IS DIFFERENT FOR GR AND LO; IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?

YES, IT IS DIFFERENT. IT'S LOWER IN LO. A LITTLE HIGHER IN

GR.

YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?

Glasgo: YES, I DO. I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU. THE IMPERVIOUS COVER UNDER LO IS -- IS 70% AND UNDER GR IT IS 90%. BUT ALSO YOU ARE REALIZING THAT AT THE TIME OF SITE PLANNING, THERE HAS TO BE LANDSCAPING, ALSO, THAT USUALLY TAKES UP, REDUCES THE IMPERVIOUS COVER. FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? LET'S CLARIFY, COUNCILMEMBER KIM YOUR MOTION SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM WAS TO ON FIRST READING SUPPORT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION, THE GR-CO WITH THE ORIGINAL STAFF --

Glasgo: YOU -- THE PLANNING COMMISSION MODIFIES SLIGHTLY TO ALLOW FOOD SALES, ONE OF THE USES THAT WE HAVE PROHIBITED THE COMMISSION ADDED THAT BACK. SO THE COMMISSION SAID STAFF RECOMMENDATION EXCEPT FOR ONE CHANGE, ALLOW FOR FOOD SALES. SO I THINK THE APPLICANT WOULD PROBABLY BE HAPPY IF YOU ADDED FOOD SALES WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR A GROCERY STORE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE. FURTHER COMMENTS? FIRST READING ONLY, COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

Alvarez: I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS ON FIRST READING. ONE OF THE MAIN CONCERNS ARTICULATED ORIGINALLY BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS THE IMPACTS ON THE CREEK AND SORT OF BY REMOVING THE -- THE PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE I THINK THAT PROVIDES SOME PROTECTION, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE I THINK IT WOULD BE NICE TO HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT WHAT -- HOW THEY PROPOSE TO LAY THE SITE OUT AND BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT ON LO, YOU KNOW, ON LOTT TRACT, A LOT OF IMPERVIOUS COVER, THAT COULD STILL HAVE -- DETRIMENTAL IMPACTS ON THE CREEK AND SO -- SO I THINK IF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT IS LIMITED TO THE GR PORTION, THEN OBVIOUSLY THE CREEK IS PROTECTED BUT IT WOULD BE NICE, MAYBE I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW NOW WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO DO, WITH THE BACK PART OF THE

LOT, BUT -- BUT WE CAN HEAR, WHEN IT COMES BACK FOR SECOND AND THIRD, WHAT -- HOW YOU MIGHT DEVELOP THE -- YOU KNOW, THE -- THAT PARTICULAR PART OF THE SITE.

I WANTED TO SAY THIS WITH REGARD TO THE PARKING, HEARING FROM THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION, WHEN THE APPLICATION WAS WAS TO CHANGE THE ENTIRE TRACT, THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS SAYING THEY WERE RECOMMENDING THAT TRACT 1 BE REZONED AS GR AS LONG AS THE SECOND TRACT NOT BE USED FOR PARKING FOR THE TRACT 1. AND THE APPLICANT WAS -- IS -- IS CONSISTENT, HAS CONSISTENT DESIRES WITH THAT. WE DIDN'T REALIZE, WE WERE AMENDING OUR APPLICATION THAT WE WOULD BE WITHDRAWING TRACT 1 FROM ANY CONSIDERATION. THE IDEA WAS TO HAVE THE APPLICATION CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION SAYS. THERE ISN'T ANY PLANS OR ANY DESIRE TO -- TO PUT PARKING FOR TRACT 1 ON TRACT 2. WHICH WAS THE CONCERNS THAT THE -- THAT THE OPPONENTS WERE SUGGESTING THAT WE BUILD A MONSTROSITY ON TRACT ONE AND PUT YOU WILL OF THE PARKING ON TRACT 2. IF THERE WAS ANY DEVELOPMENT ON TRACT 2 IT WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ZONING, WITH THE OFFICE OR WHATEVER -- WITH THE PARKING ON TRACT 2, DESIGNATED FOR TRACT 2 AND NOT DESIGNATED, NOT BEING USED BY TRACT 1.

Alvarez: OKAY, THANK YOU, SIR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. AGAIN A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE FIRST READING ONLY. Z-4, FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. Z-8, MS. GLASGO. STEVE SADOWSKY IS GOING TO PRESENT ITEM NO. Z-8, THE IKINS-O'CONNELL-MESS HER HOUSE.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, MR. SADOWSKY, WE WILL CONSIDER YOUR PRESENTATION TECHNICALLY TO BE THE APPLICANT

PRESENTATION, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO FIVE MINUTES, BUT USE AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE AS YOU WANT.

GOOD EVENING, STEVE SADOWSKY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE, THIS INVOLVES A CIRCA 1930 HOUSE LOCATED AT 260 WILL MCCALLUM DRIVE. IT CAME TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION UPON A DEMOLITION PERMIT. WE RECOMMENDED HURRICANE ZONING, IT WENT TO THE -- RECOMMENDED FOR THE HISTORIC ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY, THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ARE RECOMMENDED AGAINST. THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTUALLY EVALUATED THIS HOUSE UNDER THE OLD CRITERIA BECAUSE THE CASE AROSE WHEN THOSE CRITERIA WERE IN EFFECT. IT MEETS SIX OF THE 13 OF THE OLD CRITERIA, IT ALSO MEETS THE CRITERIA THAT WE ARE -- THAT WERE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL THROUGH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE LAST DECEMBER. IT'S A VERY NICE EXAMPLE OF A CLASSICAL REVIVAL HOUSE. A VERY PROMINENT LOCATION IN SECTION 8 OF PEMBERTON HEIGHTS. ON A VERY PROMINENT CORNER. IT'S A TWO STORY SYMMETRICAL FACADE. SIDE LIGHTS AND TRANSOMS AROUND THE DOOR. CORINTHIAN COLUMNS, WINDOWS ARE THREE PARTS INSTEAD OF JUST TWO. THE -- THREE PARTS INSTEAD OF JUST TWO. BUILT BY W CLYDE IKINS, A GEOLOGY STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. WHILE HE WAS HERE HE DISCOVERED A VERY RARE TYPE OF DINOSAUR FOR CENTRAL TEXAS. HE LIVED IN THE HOUSE, HE HAD THE HOUSE BUILT IN 1938, LIVED IN THE HOUSE UNTIL 1942. RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S IN GEOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. WENT ON TO HOUSTON IN 1942 SELLING THE HOUSE. IN HIS LATER LIFE HE WAS THE DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE FARM CREDIT BANKS AND WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL WATER LILY FOUNDATION. HIS RANCH OUT NEAR BANDERA WAS KNOWN FOR ITS WATER LILY GARDENS AND THE ROYAL SYMPOSIUM FOR WATER LILIES CAME TO VISIT THAT RANCH WHEN THEY WERE INVITED HERE BY DOCTOR IKINS. THE NEXT OWNER OF THE HOUSE WAS MR. O'CONNELL, A LOCAL BUILDER THAT LIVED THERE FROM RIGHT AFTER WORLD WAR II UNTIL 1960. IN 1960 MILTON AND BONNIE MESSER BOUGHT THE PROPERTY. MR. MESSER WAS THE OWNER OF

THE MODERN SUPPLY COMPANY, A VERY PROMINENT WELDING SHOP HERE IN AUSTIN. FOUNDED BY HIS FATHER. SOME OF THE PROJECT THAT'S THEY UNDERTOOK WERE THE PLAQUES ON THE STATE ARCHIVES BUILDING NEAR THE CAPITOL, HE ALSO WORKED ON THE METAL WORK IN THE U.T. TOWER, AND WHILE HE WAS WORKING FOR BROWN & ROOT DURING THE DEPRESSION HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING ALL OF THE METAL WORK DONE FOR MANSFIELD DAM. STAFF RECOMMENDS, AS DID THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION THAT THIS HOUSE IS A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION, ARCHITECTALLY INTACT, VERY GOOD CONDITION, A FINE EXAMPLE OF ITS STYLE, A GATEWAY TO PEMBERTON AND ASSOCIATED WITH TWO MEN SIGNIFICANT TO THE HISTORY OF AUSTIN IN CENTRAL TEXAS. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?

YOU MENTIONED THAT THIS WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION FOR HISTORIC UNDER THE OLD OR PREVIOUS CRITERIA? AND THAT SOME NEW CRITERIA WAS -- WAS PUT INTO PLACE DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR? BUT DID YOU SAY THAT IT HAD MET THE CRITERIA UNDER THE NEW CRITERIA AS WELL IN TERMS OF --

YES. IT MET SIX OUT OF THE 13 OLD CRITERIA, THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION OR RECOMMENDED STREAMLINING THOSE CRITERIA. WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL IN DECEMBER. THE MAIN CRITERIA NOW WOULD BE THAT THE HOUSE IS 50 YEARS OLD, WHICH IT IS. IT -- IT HAS ITS INTEGRITY OF MATERIALS AND DESIGN AND MAINTAINS ITS HISTORIC APPEARANCE AND HAS ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE AS A VERY CLASSICAL OF EXAMPLE AND REPRESENTS CONTRIBUTIONS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY.

Alvarez: THANKS.

THANK YOU, MR. SADOWSKY, NOW COUNCIL WILL HEAR FROM THOSE FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE HISTORIC ZONING. LET'S SEE WE WILL START WITH ELIZABETH CASH. ELIZABETH.

WE ARE GOING TO GO OUT OF ORDER, I'M JOHN MAYFIELD.

Mayor Wynn: WITHOUT OBJECTION THEN COUNCIL, WE WILL WAIVE RULES AND GO AGAINST OUR SIGN-UP PROCEDURES AND WE WILL LET MR. JOHN MAYFIELD SPEAK FIRST. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES JOHN, WELCOME.

ALL RIGHT.

[INDISCERNIBLE] PRESENTATION.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL ALSO FOR ME TO READ NAMES OF OTHER FOLKS SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK, IN FAVOR. IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE SEQUENCE AND LINE UP, I GUESS, ELIZABETH CASH, MAUREEN BRITAIN, CHARLES [INDISCERNIBLE] SORRY IF I MY PRONOUNCED THAT, [INDISCERNIBLE], ALSO WISHING TO SPEAK, SOMEBODY BE PREPARED TO FOLLOW JOHN MAYFIELD, PLEASE.

IS IT WORKING? HISTORIC LANDMARK

MAYBE I SHOULD START MY PRESENTATION THEN.

Mayor Wynn: WELL ... LET'S GIVE THEM A COUPLE OF MINUTES.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: IT BETTER BE GOOD [LAUGHTER]

IT'S IN COLOR!

OKAY. THE ADDRESS -- MY PORTION IS, I'M JOHN MAYFIELD AN ARCHITECT HERE IN TOWN WITH A PASSIONATE INTEREST IN PRESERVING EARLY 20th CENTURY ECLECTIC HOUSES IN TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL FORMS. MY CASE REALLY IS TO MAKE FOUR POINTS. THE FIRST BEING THIS HOUSE IS AN EXCELLENT QUALITY EXAMPLE AND A UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF ARCHITECTURAL AND CULTURAL MERIT THAT DESERVES LANDMARK STATUS. THE SECOND POINT IS THAT AS A LANDMARK HOUSE THE MESS HER HOUSE WILL

PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTERED DISTRICT THROUGH ITS TRADITIONAL SCALE, FORM AND THE SITING IN CONTRAST TO A NEW CONSTRUCTION AT THIS SITE. THE THIRD POINT IS THAT IT'S A LANDMARK, THE MESS HER HOUSE, PRESERVES VIRTUALLY INTACT ORIGINAL REAL THING HOUSE IN THIS HISTORIC DISTRICT. IT'S NOT A PSEUDO HOUSE, IT'S A REAL 67-YEAR-OLD HOUSES IN THIS CASE. THE FOURTH POINT IS THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED IS THAT MY VIEW IS THAT FOR A COHESIVE LANDMARK HISTORIC DISTRICTS THERE HAS TO BE LANDMARKS DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOODS. ZONE 8 IS A SMALLER SECTION, EXCUSE ME A SECTION OF SMALLER HOUSES, THIS IS A VERY SUBSTANTIAL HOUSE AND SHOULD BE PRESERVED AS A LANDMARK BECAUSE IT DOES ACT IN THAT ZONE AS A LANDMARK. THERE'S THE PICTURE OF THE - - OF THE MESS HER HOUSE IN 1960, WHICH SHOWS A SUBSTANTIAL QUALITY, IT MAKES -- IT SHOWS ITS SITING. THE HOUSE IS 45 FEET BACK FROM THE STREET, WHICH IS A DEED RESTRICTION, WHICH IS NOT ENFORCEABLE BY THE CITY. THE CITY LAWS HAVE TO BE PULLED UP TO 25 FEET FROM THE PROPERTY LINE. THE HOUSE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL HOUSE. THE DEED RESTRICTIONS, SPEND 5,000. THIS HOUSE COSTS \$10,000, TWICE THE AMOUNT. SO AGAIN IT IS A SUBSTANTIAL HOUSE. A GREAT QUALITY HOUSE FOR THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE WILL BE A CASE MADE TONIGHT THAT THIS IS A POOR EXAMPLE OF ARCHITECTURE, SOME SEE THE COLUMNS AS SKINNY, THE COLUMNS ARE NOT TRYING TO BE A GREEK TEMPLE, I DON'T MEAN TO GIVE YOU AN ARCHITECTURAL LECTURE ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CREEK REVIVAL AND CLASSIC REVIVAL. THIS ISN'T TRYING TO BE A CREEK ATTEMPT TEMPLE WITH FAT COLUMNS. YOU SHOULDN'T CONSIDER THE FACT THAT IT IS THIN, TALL, ELEGANT -- OOPS. I CAN DO THAT, ONE, TOO, THAT IT IS A DIFFERENT ANIMAL. THERE ARE ONLY THREE SURVIVING HOUSES OF THIS TYPE IN THE PEMBERTON AREA AS YOU SEE HERE. ALL THREE OF THOSE HAVE TALL, VERTICAL PROPORTIONS WHICH WERE MORE REFLECTIVE OF THE 1938 ERA. RIGHT AFTER THE END OF THE DEPRESSION. ARCHITECTURE BECAME MORE INTERESTED IN STREAMLINED FORMS. THIS WAS A DERIVATION FROM THAT. STILL TRADITIONAL. STEVE POINTED OUT THE TALL ELEGANT PROPORTIONS THAT YOU SEE IN THE MESS HER

HOUSE, THE BEST EXAMPLE OF THAT. ALSO WE FOUND A PRESS DEBITS FOR THIS HOUSE AS WELL, WASHINGTON ON THE BRAZOS, BUILT IN 1854, HAS THEFIELD HOUSE A TEXAS HISTORICAL LANDMARK. IT EXHIBITS RECOGNIZED VERY GOOD PROPORTIONS, HAS THE EXACT SAME PROPORTIONS AS THE MESS HER HOUSE. I THINK THE CASE IS THAT IT EXHIBITS EXCELLENT PROPORTIONS. MY LAST REAL POINT, THERE HE IS, IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN [BUZZER SOUNDING] WHAT THIS HOUSE DOES BEING AN ORIGINAL HOUSE, VERSUS AN AREA RIGHT AT THIS INTERSECTION, FOUR NEW BIG HOUSES THAT HAVE BEEN BUILD, UNFORTUNATELY THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD IN ESSENCE OF□□ THE HISTORIC IMPRESSION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WE LOST AT THIS MICROCOSM, THAT'S WHY IT DESERVES LANDMARK STATUS, THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JOHN, FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, SIR.

GOOD EVENING, I'M JOHN BOHLS, A RESTORATION ARCHITECT WITH OVER 33 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL RESTORATION EXPERIENCE. BOTH NATIONALLY AND HERE IN TEXAS. I HAVE BEEN A NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENT FOR OVER 26 YEARS AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE H ZONING OF THIS HOUSE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE WE CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT IT CAN BE PRESERVED AND RESTORED AS A COMFORTABLE RESIDENCE. LET'S SEE. MY SLIDES AREN'T WORKING.

Mayor Wynn: I CLOSED YOUR CLOCK, JOHN, YOU ARE OKAY.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: I WONDER IF PERHAPS WHILE STAFF IS GETTING JOHN'S PRODUCTION READY, IF THERE'S ANOTHER SPEAKER IN FAVOR OF THE H ZONING THAT PERHAPS DOESN'T HAVE A PRESENTATION, WE COULD TAKE A COUPLE OF THREE MINUTE TESTIMONIALS WHILE STAFF WORKS ON JOHN'S.

WELCOME, THANK YOU.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, I'M SUSAN PASCO, I'M ACTUALLY
SUBSTITUTING FOR ELIZABETH CASH WHO HAD TO LEAVE. I
SIGNED IN AS SUPPORT, BUT NOT SPEAKING.

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH.

I'M NOT ON THE POWER POINTS SO YOU ARE SAFE WITH ME.
I AM A RESIDENT OF PEMBERTON, I'M ON THE PEMBERTON
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD, ALSO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL. THIS
INFORMATION IS FROM TERRY MYERS A WELL KNOWN
AUSTIN ARCHITECTAL HISTORIAN WHO HAS WRITTEN MANY
NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS. SHE STATES: SHE TELLS
US AS AFTER REVIEWING THE HOUSE THAT THE HOUSE IS A
PERFECT PRODUCT OF ITS TIME AND CLASS. IT WAS BUILT IN
THE SUBDIVISION THAT RESTRICTED THE SIZE, SETBACK,
COST AND MATERIALS OF NEW CONSTRUCTION IN AN
EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A FAIRLY HOME MORTGAGEENOUS
AREA. THE HISTORIC REVIVAL STYLE HARK CONTENDS BACK
TO AN EARLIER PATRIOT TIME IN OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY
IN THE WAKE OF WORLD WAR I. THIS HOUSE AFFIRMS THE
VALUES OF SIMPLE ELEGANCE AND HISTORIC STABILITY. IT
WAS SITED OR SET BACK TO BEST SHOWCASE ITS
IMPERIOUS TWO STORY CLASSICAL REVIVAL PORTICO
SUPPORTED BY PAIRED COMPOSITE COLUMNS AND
SURMOUNTED BY AN IMPOSED PEDIMENTS. THE ENTRY WITH
ITS FLANGING SIDE LIGHT AND DIVIDED LIGHT TRANSOM IS
RESTRAINED, BUT THE WROUGHT IRON RAILING ADDS AN
WHIMSCAL TOUCH TO THE OTHERWISE STATELY HOUSE.
THIS SIDE GABLED HOUSE WITH SINGLE ENTRY FEATURING
THE PORTICO WAS TYPICAL OF GOOD UPPER MIDDLE CLASS
HOUSES OF THE TIME, PARTICULARLY OF THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD. MASTERS OF THIS STYLE AND TYPE OF
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INCLUDED AUSTIN, FAMED
AUSTIN ARCHITECT HUGO KEENEY WHO HISCHOOSE COX
CRADDICK HOUSE AND BARK HER HOUSE ON VIEW VALUE
ARE HALLMARKS OF THIS TYPE ON DUVAL. THIS COMPARES
FAVORABLY WITH THOSE HOUSES. THE COX-CRADDICK
HOUSE IS LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC
PLACES AND THE BARK HER HOUSE IS AN AUSTIN
LANDMARK. THIS HOUSE IS THE TYPE OF RESIDENTS THE

ORIGINAL ARCHITECTS DEVELOPED FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND IN FACT THIS HOUSE IS EMBLEMATIC OF THE GOALS THEY SOUGHT IN DEVELOPMENT. I THINK THAT YOU HEARD THE FIRST SPEAKER SAYS THAT LITTLE ONE OF THE REMAINING HOUSES OF ITS STYLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE WOULD REALLY URGE YOU TO PRESERVE AND AWARD IT HISTORIC DESIGNATION, THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: ARE YOU READY NOW, JOHN?

I HOPE SO. THE POINT THAT I WANTED TO BRING TO YOU THIS EVENING IS THAT THE HOUSE IS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. ALSO UNALTERED CONDITION. IT HAS HIGH INTEGRITY. THE SLEEPING AND SUN PORCHES, DEN, BREAKFAST ROOM WING ARE ORIGINAL AS SHOWN IN EARLY PHOTOGRAPHS. BASICALLY ALL THE HOUSE REALLY NEEDS IS MAINTENANCE AND UPDATING. IT DOES HAVE FOUNDATION ISSUES, BUT THEY ARE IDENTICAL TO WHAT EXISTS IN ALL OF THE OTHER HOUSES IN PEMBERTON OF THIS PERIOD. WE ALL LIVE WITH EXPANSIVE CLAYS AND SHALLOW FOUNDATIONS WHICH CAUSE CRACKS AND MOVEMENT. MY OWN HOUSE HAS CRACKS THAT ARE MUCH LARGER THAN ANY AT THE MESS HER HOUSE. STRUCTURAL ENGINEER JERRY GARCIA WAS ENGAGED BY MR. WALTERS EARLIER IN THIS PROCESS AND CONCLUDED THAT THE HOUSE WAS NOT IN TERRIBLE CONDITION. CERTAINLY MY OPINION IS HAVING SEEN THE HOUSE AND BEEN IN IT WITH THE LAST OCCUPANTS, IT WOULD BE CERTAINLY NO MORE EXPENSIVE TO MAKE CORRECTIONS THAN INSTALLATION OF A BRAND NEW FOUNDATION FOR A NEW HOUSE. BASICALLY THEN IN SUMMARY OF THIS ISSUE, THE CONDITION OF THE HOUSE IS GREAT AND IT JUST NEEDS TO BE UPDATED. IT NEEDS NEW FINISHES AND NEW SYSTEMS. THAT INCLUDES ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND HVAC. BASICALLY, THIS HOUSE CAN AND SHOULD BE PRESERVED. AND AS AN EXAMPLE, I PRESENT TO YOU THE 1840S THOMAS JEFFERSON ALLCORN HOUSE NEAR BRENHAM. THIS WAS A PROJECT OF MY FIRM. I THINK THAT YOU -- IF YOU LOOK AT IT YOU WILL AGREE THAT HOUSE WAS IN MUCH MORE SERIOUS CONDITION THAN THE MESS HER HOUSE. IT'S RESTORED, A CERTIFIED REHABILITATION. WHEN IT WAS RESTORED THE RESTORATION COST WAS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN WHAT

MR. MESSER HAS PAID FOR THIS HOUSE. WE HAVE LOOKED AT HOW THE HOUSE COULD BE PRESERVED AND EXPANDED TO MEET MR. MESSER'S STATED DEVELOPMENT GOALS. AND BASICALLY THIS SCHEMATIC SHOWS THE RETENTION OF THE EXISTING HOUSE AND RED SHOWS HOW WE CAN ADD NEW SQUARE FOOTAGE IN ADDITION TO THE HOUSE AND THAT ADDITION EXCEEDS MR. WALTER'S PARAMETERS. THIS SCHEME RETAINS THE 40 FEET SETBACK, IT PRESERVES THE HISTORIC HOUSE AND INTEGRITY OF THE HOUSE IN ITS NEIGHBORHOOD SETTING AND PRESERVES ALL OF THE TREES THAT ARE ALONG THE STREET SCAPE. THIS IS A VIEW OF WHAT THE HOUSE MIGHT LOOK LIKE WITH THAT KIND OF ADDITION AND THE KIND OF VISUAL IMPROVEMENT OR COSMETIC IMPROVEMENT THAT CAN BE MADE VERY SIMPLY. BASICALLY ALL THIS DOES IS ADD BLINDS TO THE SECOND FLOOR WINDOWS, IT USES COLOR OR APPLIES COLOR IN A MORE OR LESS ATTRACTIVE WAY AND RESTORES THE AWNINGS THAT HISTORICALLY WERE ON THE HOUSE. THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS TRIED TO MEET WITH MR. WALTERS TO EXPLORE SOME OF THESE KINDS OF OPTIONS, BUT HE'S REJECTED OUR OFFERS TO DO SO. SO IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD SAY THAT THE HOUSE DOES MEET ALL OF THE CRITERIA FOR H ZONING. WE HAVE A LETTER WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOU SHORTLY FROM THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION INDICATING THAT THE HOUSE IS ELIGIBLE FOR INDIVIDUAL LIST IN THIS THE NATIONAL REGISTER. IT PRODUCES GREAT INTEGRITY. IT'S STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND JUST NEEDS UPDATING AND IT CAN VERY EASILY AND COST EFFECTIVELY BE RESTORED FOR ANOTHER 67 YEARS OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICE. THANK YOU, ANY QUESTIONS?

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JOHN. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IN FAVOR OF THE ZONING CASE WILL BE MAUREEN --

JANIE ORR.

OKAY. JANIE ORR. IS STEVEN ERICSON IN THE ROOM. HE WAS GOING TO DONATE TIME TO YOU, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

I'M JANIE ORR, A LONG-TIME RESIDENTS OF PEMBERTON. SIGNIFICANCE BEYOND ITS WALLS, THIS IS ABOUT THE

OWNERS OF 2608 MCCALLUM. 2806 MCCALLUM WAS BUILT IN 1938 AS ONE OF THE FIRST HOUSES IN PEMBERTON HEIGHTS, SECTION 8. BUILT BY CLYDE IKINS AND HIS BRIDE BERNICE WILDER. IKINS HAD JUST RECEIVED HIS BS WITH HON NONRESPONSIVE IN GEOLOGY AT U.T. AS A SOPHOMORE HE DISCOVERED A RARE, FULL DINOSAUR SKELETON NOW CALLED THE ONION CREEK MASSAUR IT IS OWNED AND EXHIBITED BY THE TEXAS MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND IS THE MASCOT AND OF COURSE THE LOGO ON THE WEBSITE. BY 1941, DR. IKINS HAD EARNED A MASTER'S IN GEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY AND A Ph.D. FROM U.T. IN GEOLOGY AND BOTANY. HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER WAS IN THE OIL AND BANKING BUSINESSES. BUT INTRIGUED BY THE WATER LILIES GROWING OUTSIDE THE U.T. BIOLOGY BUILDINGS, HIS AVOCATION BECAME AQUATIC PLANTS. HE AMASSED ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE COLLECTIONS OF WATER LILIES IN THE WORLD. IT STARRED WITH A 15 BY 15-FOOT LILI POND ON THE CORNER OF HIS HOME. THEY SOLD 2608 TO WILL AND CECILE O'CONNELL. AS AN EXPERIENCED BUILDING CONTRACTOR, O'CONNELL CONSTRUCTED HOUSES IN PEMBERTON. IN THE 1940S AND EARLY 50s AND THEN HE GOT TIRED OF TRYING TO PLEASE FEMALE HOMEOWNERS AND HE WENT INTO COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION IN '52. IN 1960, THE HOUSE CHANGED HANDS AGAIN. THE O'CONNELL'S SOLD 2608 TO BONNIE AND MILTON MESSER. MESSER WAS A THIRD GENERATION IRON FABRICATOR WHOSE FAMILY BUSINESS EVOLVED FROM AN EARLY 20th CENTURY BLACK SMITH SHOP TO A MACHINE SHOP IN THE 1930S AND 40s, TO MILTON'S OWNERSHIP IN THE 50s WHEN IRON AND STEEL FABRICATION WAS THE NORM. HIS CLIENT LIST, THE FIRST AND BUSIEST CLIENT FORUM WAS THE CITY OF AUSTIN. HE DID MAINTENANCE OF THE POWER PLANTS, THE WATER WORKS, ALL THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT, THE AUTOMOTIVE NEEDS, GARBAGE TRUCKS, IT WAS MILTON'S COMPANY THAT MOVED THE MOONLIGHT TOWER FROM I-35 AND MANOR ROAD TO ZILKER PARK. OTHER CLIENTS IN THE LONG LIST INCLUDED U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.T., MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD AND THE CAP FOLLOW CAPITOL BUILDING. THE MESSERS RAISED THEIR FAMILY AT 2608 WHERE MILTON HAD A MACHINE SHOP AT HOME FOR HIS PERSONAL USE. THEY LIVED THERE FOR 45 YEARS. IT WAS SOMD IN 2004 BY

THEIR CHILDREN WITHOUT EVER GOING ON THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

THANK YOU, JANIE.

I'M CANDICE [INDISCERNIBLE], A RESIDENTS OF PEMBERTON HEIGHTS, BOARD MEMBER, CO-CHAIR OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT. I WILL RESPOND TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS RAISED AT OUR Z.A.P. HEARING. DID 14 YEAR WERE THE MR. WALTERS KNOW THAT 2608 MCCALLUM WAS A CONTRIBUTING HOUSE IN THE DISTRICT. EASILY, SIGNS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD, MAILINGS, FLIERS PLACED IN DOORS, A NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER DELIVERED QUARTERLY, WEST AUSTIN NEWS ARTICLES, A PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION BEFORE DISTRICT APPROVAL AND COMPLETE DISTRICT INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE, WHOSE ADDRESS IS ALSO ON THOSE NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNS. THE STATE OF TEXAS DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT HISTORIC DISTRICT STATUS BE PLACED ON DEEDS. THE CITY'S ZONING OVERLAY MAPS DO CARRY THIS INFORMATION. WIDELY USED BY DEVELOPERS LIKE MR. WALTERS, THESE ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE PERMIT CENTER OFFICE AND ALSO ON LINE AND THIS IS THE PAGE ONLINE. WALTERS LOBBYIST SAYS OUR DISTRICT COVERS 600 PLUS ACRES, HAS 2500 HOMES, THIS IS THE H TSUNAMI FEAR FACTOR. THE DISTRICT ACTUALLY HAS 1600 HOMES, OF WHICH 61%, 976 ARE CONTRIBUTING. LIKE A PLAY, MOST OF THESE CONTRIBUTING HOUSES ARE BACKGROUND SCENERY, NO PROMINENT INDIVIDUAL LIVED IN MY HOUSE, NOT ELIGIBLE FOR H ZONING. IF IT WERE ONE OF THE ACTORS IN OUR HISTORIC PLAY, LIKE 2608 MCCALLUM I WOULD SEEK THE PROTECTION OF H ZONING. THIS IS ANOTHER SCARE TACTIC. SIX PROPERTIES ARE ZONED H IN PEMBERTON. BUT CONSIDER THE REVENUE THAT PEMBERTON GENERATES AS A UNIQUE LOCATION FOR MOVIE AND TV PRODUCTIONS. ACCORDING TO GARY BOND, DIRECTOR OF THE AUSTIN FILM COMMISSION, THE RECENT SANDRA BULLOCK MOVIE, FILMED HERE, EVERY WORD IS TRUE, PUT \$6.5 MILLION INTO THE AUSTIN ECONOMY DIRECTLY WITH A TRICKLE DOWN OF 13 MILLION. MR. BOND WOULDN'T THINK, COULDN'T THINK OF ANY FILMING IN NEWER NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE DAVENPORT AND ROB ROY BECAUSE QUITE SIMPLY THEY ARE

ANYWHERE U.S.A. PEOPLE ABOUT HER TON HE WERES ONE FIFTH OF AUSTIN'S ANNUAL \$36 MILLION FILM PRODUCTION INCOME. \$260,000 ANNUALLY IN TAXES. H TAX CREDITS ENCOURAGE PRESERVATION OF THE PEMBERTON CASH COW. , RESIDENTS ARE WORKING TO PRESERVE PEMBERTON. THE HISTORIC DISTRICT WAS THREE YEARS OF EFFORT. NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION COMBINING DISTRICT ARE NOT THE BEST WAY TO PRESERVE NEIGHBORHOODS. WITNESS HYDE PARKS ONGOING DIFFICULTIES WITH THIS ISSUE. WE HAVE INITIATED A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT, FOR SECTION 8 OF PEMBERTON, THERE'S A COPY IN YOUR PACKET. WE TRIED TO FIND A COMPROMISE WITH THE OWNER OF 2608. FOR A TRULY HISTORIC HOUSE, LIKE 2608 WE SUPPORT THE LANDMARK'S RECOMMENDATION OF H ZONING, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

HI, I'M MAUREEN BRITAIN, I LIVE AT 1404 PRESTON.

HOLD ON, IS 'EM MERELY ERICKSON HERE.

I PROBABLY DON'T NEED IT.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY, THREE MINUTES THEN.

BUT I CAN -- OKAY. WHEN WE MOVED TO AUSTIN OVER 22 YEARS AGO, WE BUILT A LARGE WONDERFUL HOME IN NORTHWEST AUSTIN. THIS IS NOT WHERE WE WANTED TO LIVE. BUT WE THOUGHT SPACE AND UNLIMITED OPTIONS WERE OUR TOP PRIORITIES AND SO WE COMPROMISED. AND THEN 19 YEARS AGO, WE DISCOVERED A HOUSE IN PEMBERTON, IN TERRIBLE CONDITION. PREVIOUSLY REMODELED TO LOOK TOTALLY OUT OF CHARACTER FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD. IT WAS FILTHY, MOUSE DROPPINGS ALL OVER THE KITCHEN AND DIRTY DISHES IN THE SINK. MOLD COVERED ONE OF THE SHOWERS. WE HAD NO CLUE WHAT WAS LYING UNDER THE ROOF THAT HAD BEEN ADDED OR UNDER THE FILTH AND DECAY. BUT WE COULD TELL BY LOOKING AT OTHER HOMES AROUND IT THAT THIS HOME LIKELY HAD BEEN A TREASURE. WE KNEW IT WOULD BE CHEAPER TO TEAR IT DOWN. BUT WE 7 WANTED TO MAKE OUR HOUSE INTO WHAT IT HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY BECAUSE

WE WANTED TO LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WAS UNLIKE ANY OTHER WE HAD EVER SEEN IN ITS DIVERSITY AND TEXTURE. GRANTED PARAMETERS EXISTED, BUT WE DID CHOOSE TO BUY AN OLD HOUSE IN AN OLD HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE KNEW WE DID NOT HAVE A BLANK CANVAS. NOW WE ARE WATCHING AS THESE OLD HOMES THAT REFLECT SO MUCH OF THE HISTORY OF OLD AUSTIN ARE BEING DEMOLISHED AND REPLACED. THANKFULLY SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WITH MUCH WORK AND DILIGENCE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD RECEIVED HISTORIC, NATIONAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION. GRANTED MOPAC MAY HAVE BEEN THE CATH LEST FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND OTHERS TO UNITE BEHIND HISTORIC DESIGNATION. THE EXPANSION OF MOPAC WAS INDEED THREATENING TO RUIN OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. BUT OTHER THREATS HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO SHOW THEMSELVES AND UNITED US AS WELL. IN PARTICULAR WAS AND CONTINUES TO BE THE DISAPPEARANCE OF HISTORIC HOMES AND THE APPEARANCE OF LARGE OUT OF CONTEXT STRUCTURES. MOPAC IS NOT THE REASON WE ARE HERE TONIGHT. WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE HISTORY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AS REPRESENTED BY THIS TRULY HISTORIC HOME. AND IN A MATTER OF YEARS, IF THIS TREND IS ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, WE WON'T KNOW IF WE ARE DRIVING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE OUR CHILDREN GREW UP OR PLANO. THE ARGUMENT THAT THE MESSER HOME DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF BEING RESTORED IS NOT TRUE. WE KNOW. IT SIMPLY TAKES AN ARCHITECT, CONTRACTORS AND OWNERS WITH THE DESIRE. WE LIVE HERE AND PAY HIGH TAXES BECAUSE WE LOVE WHAT WE WALK, RUN AND BIKE THROUGH. BECAUSE THERE ARE STORIES AND FAMILIES THAT GO WITH THE WOOD AND THE STONE. BECAUSE IT'S NOT JUST WHAT WE LIVE IN, BUT WHAT WE LOOK AT. TAKE AWAY THE TEXTURE AND THE PERSONALITY OF OUR STREETS AND YOU TAKE AWAY OUR HOMES AS WELL. THAT IS THE MOST EGREGIOUS LOSS OF PROPERTY RIGHTS. THE WALTERS' VIEW OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD FROM THEIR NEW HOME WON'T CHANGE. OURS WILL. THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF WHAT HISTORIC PRESERVATION IS ABOUT, OUR SHARED EXPERIENCE THROUGH HISTORY. WE USUAL THIS BODY TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR THE MESSER HOME

BECAUSE IT IS HISTORIC AS EVIDENCED BY THIS CITY'S OWN HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION. IT'S TIME FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO DEMONSTRATE BOTH THE WILL AND THE COURAGE TO SUPPORT ITS OWN PRESERVATION PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MAUREEN. LAST BUT NOT LEAST.

MY TURN. COME HERE. MY NAME IS CHARLES JOHANSON, I'M AN ATTORNEY HERE IN AUSTIN. I CAME HERE TO AUSTIN IN 1957 TO GO TO UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL AND LAW SCHOOL. MY WIFE AND I HAVE LIVED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SINCE THE EARLY '80S AND WE KNEW AT THAT TIME WHAT IT TOOK TOWN AND COUNTRY MAGAZINE UNTIL '98 TO FIND OUT, THAT IS THAT -- THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE PREMIERE NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE BEST CITY IN THE WORLD. AS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, PEMBERTON HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, I DRAFTED THE BYLAWS AND I DRAFTED THE MISSION STATEMENT. PART OF THE MISSION STATEMENT WAS TO ENHANCE, PROTECT, AND PRESERVE THE PRESTIGE, QUALITY AND CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND SIMPLY STATED, THE LIKE O'CONNELL MESS HER HOUSE IS A PRIMARY QUALITY OF THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. WHAT I HAVE HERE IS, I UNDERSTAND WHEN THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE TO Z.A.P., OUGHT OF THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD, A FEW OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PEOPLE SURROUNDING SIGNED OFF ON THE DESTRUCTION. I HAVE A LIST OF 190 SIGNATURES FROM THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD. YOU CAN SEE THEM SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THOSE ARE THE HOUSE HOLDS THAT ARE REPRESENTED BY THE -- BY THE SIGNATURES. AND -- AND WHEN YOU -- WHEN YOU PUT THAT IN PERSPECTIVE, YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT -- THAT THIS NEIGHBORHOOD IS NOT AN ACTIVIST NEIGHBORHOOD. TO GO AROUND ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS AND GET 190 SIGNATURES, ON A PETITION, THAT -- THAT ONE OF THE PEOPLE'S WISHES IN THAT AREA IS A MAJOR TASK. THE -- ONE OF THE POINTS THAT I WANT TO MAKE TONIGHT IS THAT -- THAT YOU HAVE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS VERSUS COLLECTIVE RIGHTS AND THE COLLECTIVE RIGHTS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD SHOULD OVERRIDE FROM THE PRESERVATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THOSE OF AN

INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. AND MR. WALTERS KNEW AT THE TIME THAT HE BOUGHT THIS THAT IT WAS IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT AND HE KNEW AT THE TIME THAT IT WAS A CONTRIBUTING HOUSE. FOR HIM TO COME UP AT THIS POINT RIGHT HERE AND TO SAY, WELL, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT, IS A DISINGENUOUS ARGUMENT. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT MY DAUGHTER CONVINCED HER HUSBAND TO LEAVE HIS JOB AS A GLOBAL STRATEGIST WITH SAMSUNG AND SEOUL, KOREA TO COME BACK TO AUSTIN FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE. THEY JUST HAD A CHILD, I HOPE FOR THAT CHILD'S SAKE THAT YOU MAKE A DECISION TONIGHT THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN AUSTIN WILL BE MAINTAINED. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, CHARLES. LET'S SEE THE FOLLOWING FOLKS SIGNED UP IN FAVOR OF THE HISTORIC ZONING, BUT NOT WISHING TO SPEAK. SO FOR THE RECORD THOSE INCLUDE KATHRYN ANDERSON, MARGARET MEETER, METER, SORRY, SUSAN SPOKE TO US, BARBARA JOHANSEN, LARRY ELZNER, ELIZABETH HOLT, PETER FLAG, MAXON, CINDY COLORADOER SIGNED UP NOT WISHING TO SPEAK. SIGNED UP -- NOW WE WILL HEAR FROM THOSE FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP WANTING TO TALK TO US IN OPPOSITION TO THE HISTORIC ZONING. I GUESS THAT I SHOULD OFFER THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE WHATEVER ORDER THEY MAY PREFER. THERE'S A -- THERE'S A HANDFUL OF FOLKS SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. WHILE THEY ARE FIGURING THAT OUT FOR THE RECORD. A NUMBER OF FOLKS SIGNED UP NOT WISHING TO SPEAK, SHERRI SMITH, ELLISON, ANDY THOMAS, JOE HAMATZI, JENNIFER HARKNESS, BRENDA FLOYD, TIM TAYLOR, ALISON ADAMS, ANGELA BENNETT, CRAIG DAVIS, BRAD NIPPA, JEFF NEWBERG, WILLIAM LENT, WILLIAM MARSHA, BRYCE MILLER, AMANDA WHEATLY, JOHN MOORE, BROOK HOWARD, JAMILE, ALLEN, NOT WISHING TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO THE HISTORIC ZONING.

WELCOME, SIR.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, I'M PETER DICK. I'M AN ARCHITECT AND A BUILDER. MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF BUILDING EXPERIENCE AND MORE THAN 20 YEARS OF ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE.

HOLD ON HERE.

IS MELISSA NATHAN DISON HERE. SHE WANTED TO DONATE HER THREE MINUTES TO YOU. YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

GREAT, THANK YOU. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE WALTERS AND I WANTED TO COMMENT FROM BOTH OF MY PERSPECTIVES OF BOTH ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR HOUSE. IT IS A -- THE MAIN BLOCK IS A SYMMETRICAL FACADE, BUT IT HAS ASYMMETRICAL BLOCKS, MOST PEOPLE THINK THAT THEY WERE ADDITIONS AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN BLOCK. I WOULD LIKE TO -- -- THE PURPLE BLOCKS ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT ARE THE ADDITIONS. THE BEST EXAMPLES OF CLASSICAL REVIVAL WOULD NOT HAVE SOMETHING TO DISCHORDANT ON EITHER SIDE. THE COMMENT WAS MADE EARLIER THAT THIS HOUSE IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. , OIL LIKE TO POINT OUT ALL OF THE SIDINGS THAT YOU SEE THERE ARE COVERED IN ALUMINUM SIDE KNOWLEDGE. WHAT LITTLE ARCHITECTURAL ATTRIBUTES THAT WERE THERE FROM THE ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION ARE GONE AND AT SOME POINT SOMEONE MADE THE DECISION TO COVER IT ALL UP WITH ALUMINUM. USUALLY IN A GOOD EXAMPLE OF A CLASSICAL REVIVAL, THERE WOULD BE MANY MORE DETAILS AND ATTRIBUTES THAT WOULD ENLIVEN THE FACADE. THIS PARTICULAR STRUCTURE IS ALMOST COMPLETELY STRIPPED. THE -- NOT ONLY THE PROPORTIONS IN THE COLUMNS ARE WAY OFF, BUT THE HORIZONTAL BAND ABOVE THE COLUMNS IS -- IS ALMOST NOT THERE. IT'S WAY OUT OF SCALE TO ANY ARCHITECTURAL AND/OR CLASSICAL PRECEDENT, WHICH LEADS US TO CONJECTURE THAT THIS HOUSE WAS REALLY -- IT WAS A KIT OF PARTS. IT CAME OUT OF A PATTERN BOOK. A BUILDER CHOSE THE ELEMENTS THAT HE THOUGHT WOULD WORK AND PUT THEM TOGETHER. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

IT'S THERE RIGHT NOW, BUT NOT IN ANY KIND OF HUGE OR McMANSION TYPE FANGS THAT HAS BEEN -- FASHION THAT THINGS HAS BEEN THROWN OFF TO THAT EFFECT. ALSO, ALL OF THE WONDERFUL AND EXTENSIVE TREE COVER ON THAT SITE IS GOING TO BE RETAINED. THIS PARTICULAR SCHEME

WE ONLY HAVE TO TAKE UP THREE TREES OF ALL THE ONES ON THAT SITE. AND ALSO SATISFY THE PROMMATIC PROBLEMS OF THE CLIENT. THE TREATMENT AND THE MASSING OF THE NEW WILL RESPECT ALL OF THE CONTEXTUAL SCALE, PATTERN ISSUES APPROACH TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS WELL AS THE PLACEMENT OF THE STRUCTURE ON THE SITE. SO GIVEN ALL OF THESE COMMENTS, WE WOULD URGE YOU TO DENY THE HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR THIS PROPERTY. IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS, I CAN ANSWER THEM.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, PETER.

GOOD EVENING.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME.

MY NAME IS RON VASQUEZ, I'M AN ARCHITECT, I HAVE BEEN FOR OVER 20 YEARS. ONE OF THE EARLIER SPEAKERS HAD MENTIONED THE FILM INDUSTRY HERE. I'D LIKE TO MENTION I'VE BEEN A SET DESIGNER FOR 10 FILMS THAT HAVE BEEN FILMED HERE IN AUSTIN. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT FOR 20 OF THE LAST 30 YEARS AND BEEN AN ARCHITECT FOR THREE BUILDINGS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AS WELL AS DABLING IN A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORIC WORK AT THE TOWNSEND THOMPSON BUILDING AT 1718 CONGRESS WHICH I WAS INVOLVED IN THE RESTORATION IN THE EARLY 1980'S. KNOWING THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER, PETER DICK, FOR 20 YEARS. I'VE GOT GREAT RESPECT FOR HIS WORK. HE'S GOT A COMBINATION OF AN ARTIST, AN ARCHITECT AND ARREST ART SAN ALL ROLLED INTO ONE GUY AND IT'S HARD TO FIND SOMEBODY OF THAT LEVEL OF QUALITY. AND HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE HIGH LEVEL OF DETAIL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP IS BEYOND MOST THINGS THAT YOU BUILD TODAY. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH PETER IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, BOTH IN DRAWING SOME OF HIS PROJECTS AND EVEN DOING A LITTLE CONSTRUCTION WITH HIM. AND I ALWAYS LEARN SOMETHING WHEN I WORK WITH PETER. I WAS ASKED TO LOOK AT THIS HOUSE FROM A HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE AND I WAS ASKED EARLIER ABOUT WHEN I USED TO RIDE MY BIKE THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND PUT THE CAMERA IN THE BACK AND STOP AND PHOTOGRAPH ANY GREAT BUILDINGS THAT I

CAME ACROSS. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS ONE THAT I WOULDN'T HAVE STOPPED TO GET THE CAMERA OUT OF THE BAG. IT SEEMED LIKE IT'S JUST A SIMPLE STRIPPED DOWN BOX, HARDLY ANY DETAIL. THERE WAS THE ARGUMENT MADE THAT THAT WAS KIND OF A POST-DEPRESSION WAY OF DOING IT, BUT THERE'S JUST NOT MUCH THERE. THE ONLY EMBELLISHMENT IS THE TWO-STORY PORTICO, WHICH I DON'T FEEL IS HANDLED VERY PROPERLY IN TERMS OF PROPORTION. IT'S GOT VERY LONG, NARROW, SLENDER COLUMNS, AND ONCE YOU GET UP THERE TO THE PEDIMENT, AND THERE'S NOT MUCH TO TAKE YOUR EYE THERE. THE BALCONY, THERE'S A SMALL WROUGHT IRON BALCONY, WHICH IS UNFORTUNATE. THE PREVIOUS OWNER HAD ALL THIS STEEL AND FABRICATION EXPERIENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO HAVE SEEN SOMETHING MORE DECORATIVE UP THERE, BUT IT'S FAIRLY STRIPPED DOWN. IT'S ALSO JUST ODD, I'M STILL NOT SURE IF THE ADDITIONS WERE ADDITIONS OR IF THIS IS DESIGNED ORIGINALLY, BUT IT KIND OF LEANS TO THE LEFT. VISUALLY IT'S GOT THE TWO THINGS ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE AND THE GARAGE ON THE RIGHT, SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A BAD ADDITION OR IF IT WAS JUST DESIGNED THAT WAY AND IT WAS A BAD WAY TO IMPOSE SYMMETRY ON AN ASYMMETRICAL PLAN. GOING AROUND THE SIDE, THE SLEEPING PORCH I DON'T MIND. IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S NOT TRYING TO BE ANYTHING THAT IT'S NOT. GOING AROUND THE BACK, WHICH WE DON'T SEE, THERE'S A WINDOW WHICH JUST SEEMS KIND OF STUCK ON. [BUZZER SOUNDS] THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, RON.

MR. MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM, I'M JOHN NEEFULLER. COUNCILMEMBERS, GOOD EVENING. I'M AN ARCHITECT IN PRACTICE IN AUSTIN. I'VE BEEN BEFORE YOU FROM TIME TO TIME ON ISSUES SIMILAR TO THESE. AND IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE OWNER OF THIS PROPERTY, I WAS ASKED TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THIS PROJECT, THIS HOME SOMETIMES CALLED THE IKINS O'CONNELL MESSER HOUSE, MEETS THE MINIMUM CITY OF AUSTIN REQUIREMENTS FOR HISTORIC ZONING. I THINK IT IS MORE THAN JUST AN ABSTRACTION THAT THE TITLE THAT'S GIVEN TO THIS CASE IS IKINS O'CONNELL MESSER. THE FACT IS THAT THIS IS THE HOUSE OF THE CURRENT OWNER AND

NOT THOSE -- THE INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVED IN IT BEFORE. THIS IS THE WALTERS PROJECT. IT IS MY CONCLUSION, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THAT THE SAME AS THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION, WHICH RECOMMENDS TO YOU THAT YOU DENY THE STAFF REQUEST FOR HISTORIC ZONING. I HAVE EVALUATED THE INDIVIDUAL CRITERIA IN A WRITTEN REPORT, WHICH YOU WILL GET THIS EVENING, AND SO I WILL LIMIT MY REMARKS TO SOME BRIEF ONES ABOUT THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND THE CONDITION OF THIS HOUSE TODAY. AND WHETHER THE HOUSE EMBODIES A DISTINGUISHED OR ARCHITECTURAL TYPE OR SPECIMEN. THIS IS THE HOUSE THAT IS IN QUESTION. AND THE IMAGE THAT YOU SEE DOES CONTAIN SOME QUASI CLASSIC REVIVAL ELEMENTS, BUT THE BUILDING WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED AS A SYMMETRICAL FORMAL BLOCK WITH PAIRED COLUMNS SUPPORTING A CENTRAL TRIANGULAR PEDIMENT. THE SYMMETRY, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN ERODED BY THE LATER CONSTRUCTION OF A SHORT TWO-STORY EDITION TO THE LEFT AND A LONG ONE-STORY ADDITION TO THE RIGHT. OVER TIME THE ORIGINAL EXTERIOR MATERIALS, AS YOU HAVE HEARD, HAVE BEEN COVERED UP WITH A METAL SIDING, AS WAS THE CENTRAL PEDIMENT. THE LATER METAL SIDING ADDITIONALLY COMPROMISES THE INTEGRITY OF THE DESIGNS AND THE MATERIALS, AND THIRD, THE VERY SLENDER PAIRED COLUMNS ARE AN EXAGGERATION AND ARE OUT OF PLACE IN A CLASSICAL REVIVAL STYLE HOUSE. THIS HOUSE HAS NO IDENTIFIED ARCHITECT, AND THE PARTS APPEAR TO BE EVEN SELECTED BY A BUILDER OUT OF A PATTERN BOOK. IN THE NEXT IMAGE YOU WILL SEE THE RENDITION OF THE CLASSICAL ORDERS. THE PROPORTIONS OF THE COLUMNS IS IN PART -- [BUZZER SOUNDS] -- A REFLECTION OF WHAT THE ANCIENTS COULD DO WITH STONE CONSTRUCTION, THEREFORE IT WAS NOT COMMON FOR COLUMNS TO BE AS THIN AND ELONGATED SHAPE AS IN THE WALTERS' HOUSE. THE CLASSICAL APPROACH WOULD HAVE BEEN TO INCORPORATE A SQUARE BASE CALLED A PEDESTAL TO REDUCE THE HEIGHT OF THE ROUND SECTION OF THE COLUMNS.

Mayor Wynn: PLEASE CONCLUDE.

YES, I WILL. IN CONCLUSION, LET ME SIMPLY SAY THAT THE HOUSE DOES NOT MERIT HISTORIC DESIGNATION, AND I

URGE YOU TO DO AS YOUR ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED AND DENY THE REQUEST.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS JOEL HOWARD. MY WIFE AND I ARE CLOSE NEIGHBORS ON PRESTON AVENUE, AND I'VE LIVED THERE FOR SEVEN AND A HALF YEARS. AND WE OPPOSE THE REZONING REQUEST FOR 2608 MCCALLUM. MY WIFE AND I WALK BY THIS HOUSE ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND IT DOES NOT APPEAR REALLY AS A GATEWAY TO ANYTHING, AND REALLY NOT EVEN THAT SIGNIFICANT COMPARED TO THE OTHER HOUSES. AND THERE'S ALSO NO SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTION ON THE PART OF THE PREVIOUS OWNERS, AND DECLARING SUCH WOULD SET TOO LOW A THRESHOLD FOR OTHER PROPERTIES AT PEM BERTON. WE DON'T WANT TO SET THE PRECEDENT OF EVERY HOME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BEING HISTORIC HOMES, BECAUSE DOING SO WOULD STAG NATE THE NEIGHBORHOOD. FURTHER AS A RESIDENT OF PRESTON AVENUE, I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE HOME STYLES ARBITRARILY FROZEN IN TIME AND OWNERS NOT BE ABLE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REPAIR OR UPDATE THEIR HOUSES. WE TRUST THE NEW OWNERS TO BUILD A HOUSE IN CHARACTER WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE ALSO THINK THAT THE DESIGNATION SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR STRUCTURES THAT ARE TRULY SIGNIFICANT AND NOT DOING SO DIMINISHES THE DESIGNATION'S IMPORTANCE. AND LASTLY, THERE'S THE ISSUE OF FAIRNESS OF THE WALTERS BUYING THE HOUSE UNDER A NON-HISTORICAL DESIGNATION AND THEIR ABILITY TO BUILD A REASONABLE HOUSE TO FIT THEIR NEEDS. IT IS THEIR PROPERTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. HOWARD. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M STEVE DRENER, SPEAKING TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE WALTERS.

Mayor Wynn: HANG ON, MR. DRENER. SO MICHELLE HOUSEMAN IS HERE. IS WILLIAM WALTERS HERE? WELCOME. MIKE BLIZZARD? HELLO, MIKE. STEVE, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO

12 MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU. THIS IS MY FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH AN HISTORIC ZONING CASE IN AUSTIN. I WOULD CONFESS TO YOU I THOUGHT I KNEW AS WE STARTED WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A QUALIFIED HOUSE FOR AN HISTORIC ZONING, AND MY ASSUMPTION WAS THAT WHAT WE WERE REALLY LOOKING FOR WAS THE BEST OF THE BEST FROM AN ARCHITECTURAL STANDARD AND FOR SOME TEE TO A VERY SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC PERSON WHO EITHER BUILT IT, DESIGNED IT OR LIVED IN IT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. I WAS SURPRISED WHEN THE STAFF DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT AN HISTORIC ZONING ON THIS HOUSE BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT COMES ANYWHERE CLOSE TO THAT STANDARD, WHETHER YOU LOOK AT THE OLD STANDARDS OR THE NEW STANDARDS, YOU'VE REALLY GOT TO JUMP TO ME A FARFETCHED CONCLUSION, WHICH IS THAT THIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF ARCHITECTURAL STYLE. AS YOU'VE HEARD FROM SOME OF THE OTHER ARCHITECTS AND THAT EITHER DR. EYEKIN, FRANKLY THE FIRST TIME WE'VE HEARD OF HIM HAS BEEN TONIGHT, OR MR. MESSER, WOULD REACH THE STATUS OF A TRULY HISTORIC FIGURE. CONTRARY TO WHAT YOU'VE HEARD TONIGHT, WE DID MEET WITH THE NEIGHBORS AND I THOUGHT IF THE CONCERN WAS WHAT GOING TO BE BUILT ON THE LOT, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EASY TO ALLEVIATE THAT CONCERN BECAUSE I KNEW WHAT THE WALTERS WERE TALKING ABOUT BUILDING WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE SIZE AND SCALE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WHAT WE WERE TOLD WAS THAT THAT WASN'T REALLY THE ISSUE AT ALL, AND THAT PEMBER TON HAD PASSED A RESOLUTION SAYING THEY WOULD OPPOSE THE DEMOLITION OF ANY CONTRIBUTING HOUSE IN THE AREA. AS YOU CAN -- AS YOU'VE SEEN WITH SOME OF THE OTHER PICTURES AND SO FORTH, THIS AREA IS A UNIQUE AREA. IT'S AN ECLECTIC AREA. IT'S NOT A SPECIFIC STYLE FOR A PERIOD. IT'S AN AREA THAT HAS GROWN OVER TIME. I GUESS IN ASKING WHY WOULD THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION HAVE CONCLUDED ON A 6-3 VOTE TO SUPPORT THE DENIAL OF HISTORIC ZONING, I THINK THEY CAME TO THE SAME CONCLUSIONS I CAME TO, AND ONE IS THAT A CONTRIBUTING HOUSE IN A NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT IS WHOLLY DIFFERENT THAN TO SAY A CERTAIN HOUSE

SHOULD BE GIVEN AN H ZONING DESIGNATION. SECONDLY, I THINK THAT THEY CONCLUDED THAT IF YOU FIND THAT THIS HOUSE MEETS THAT STANDARD, THAT YOU ARE SETTING A VERY DANGEROUS PRECEDENT BECAUSE THERE WILL BE SO MANY HOUSES WHO CAN ALSO MEET THIS STANDARD. AND FINALLY, THAT IF THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT MOPAC OR IF THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT SIZE AND SCALE OF HOUSES, THAT THERE ARE BETTER TOOLS, FAR BETTER TOOLS THAN THE USE OF THIS AND THAT THIS IS REALLY A MISUSE OF THE HISTORIC ZONING. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THAT GROUP, THE GROUP THAT VOTED TO DENY INCLUDED BETTY BAKER, WHO IS PROBABLY IN MY OPINION KNOWS MORE ABOUT AND HAS PROBABLY DONE MORE TO PRESERVE HISTORIC STRUCTURES IN AUSTIN THAN ANYONE. AND YOU WOULD ASK YOURSELF, WELL, WHY WOULD THEY COME TO THAT CONCLUSION, AND I THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF THOSE FACTORS. WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTRIBUTING HOUSE, THERE WAS A LOT OF CONFUSION ABOUT THAT. I KNOW THAT YOU KNOW THAT THAT IS A PROCESS WHERE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICTS ARE SET UP COMPLETELY OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE CITY PROCESS. AND THERE'S A -- THIS IS THE LARGEST DISTRICT IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, 635 ACRES. I WOULD TELL MS. VOLTS THAT WE WOULD TAKE THE OVER 1500 CONTRIBUTING HOUSES DIRECTLY OUT OF THAT MATERIAL, WHETHER IT'S 967 OR MORE THAN 1500, IT'S AN ENORMOUS NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING HOUSES. THESE ARE JUST THE CONTRIBUTING HOUSES IN PEMBERTON ALONE, SOME 365 CONTRIBUTING HOUSES IN PEMBERTON ALONE. AND I WOULD SUBMIT TO YOU AGAIN THAT IF THIS HOUSE MEETS THE STANDARD, I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT ALMOST EVERY HOUSE, IF NOT EVERY HOUSE THAT YOU SEE IN WHITE, WOULD ALSO MEET THAT STANDARD. WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT WHETHER THIS IS A GOOD OR BAD EXAMPLE OF CLASSICAL REVIVAL STYLE. THAT'S CERTAINLY NOT MY TRAINING. I WILL TELL YOU THAT IN THE DISTRICT IT IDENTIFIES 28 OTHER HOUSES IN PEMBERTON ALONE THAT ARE IDENTIFIED AS GOOD EXAMPLES OF THE CLASSICAL REVIVAL STYLE. AND AS MY EDUCATION IN TALKING WITH THE ARCHITECTS, THERE ARE FAR BETTER EXAMPLES. THESE ARE ALL EXAMPLES OF, IN THEIR OPINION, BETTER EXAMPLES OF THAT STYLE IN THE AREA. ONE OF WHICH ALREADY HAS AN HISTORIC ZONING DESIGNATION. AND

FINALLY, AND I THINK THE WEAKEST POINT FOR -- TO ARGUE THAT THIS DESERVES HISTORIC ZONING, IS YOU REALLY HAVE TO MAKE THE CONCLUSION THAT A GOOD CAREER EQUALS BEING AN HISTORIC FIGURE. THINK ABOUT THIS AREA. I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT OF THOSE 360 SOME-ODD HOUSES IN PEMBERTON THAT THERE HASN'T BEEN A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS PERSON LIVING IN EACH ONE OF THOSE, SOMEONE WHO COULD SAY THAT THEY HAD A NICE CAREER. MR. MESSER CERTAINLY HAD A NICE CAREER, BUT AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE LETTER THAT YOU HAVE UP THERE, THE FAMILY KNEW THAT BECAUSE THIS HAD BEEN SOMETHING THAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, THAT THIS WAS -- THESE WERE THE PEOPLE THEY WANTED TO BUY THEIR HOUSE AND THEY KNEW THAT IT WAS LIKELY THAT THAT HOUSE WOULD BE TORN DOWN. AND AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THAT LETTER, THEY FULLY SUPPORTED THE IDEA THAT THE WALTERS WOULD BUILD SOMETHING TASTEFUL IN ITS PLACE. THEY DIDN'T EVEN THINK THAT THE RESIDENCE THAT THEY GREW UP IN WOULD FIT THE HISTORIC STANDARD. MR. MESSER, YOU'VE HEARD A GOOD BIT ABOUT HIM. MR. MESSER WORKED IN HIS DAD'S COMPANY, AND AS ANYONE WOULD DO OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME, WORKED ON SOME NICE PROJECTS. AGAIN, IF MR. MESSER MEETS THAT STANDARD, I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT EVERY HOUSE THAT'S A CONTRIBUTING HOUSE WOULDN'T ALSO HAVE SOMEONE THAT WOULD MEET THAT STANDARD. THE PRECEDENT THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT WOULD EXTEND CERTAINLY THROUGHOUT THIS DISTRICT WITH THOSE EITHER 1500 OR 967 CONTRIBUTING HOUSES. THIS IS MR. SADOWSKY'S FIGURE BOILED DOWN. I THINK HE SAID EXACTLY THIS TONIGHT. IT'S 50 PLUS YEARS IN AGE. THINK ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS IN AND THE AGING OF THEM AND HOW MANY MORE HOUSES WILL BECOME 50 YEARS AND OLDER AS WE PROGRESS. A PORTION OF THE HOUSE LOOKS LIKE IT DID WHEN IT WAS BUILT. IT HAS SOME IDENTIFIABLE ARCHITECTURAL STYLE AND SOME OCCUPANT HAD A NICE CAREER. AND I WOULD SUBMIT TO YOU AGAIN THAT IF THAT'S THE STANDARD, HOW WOULD YOU SAY NO TO THE STEADY STREAM OF FOLKS WHO STAND UP HERE IN WEEKS TO COME WHO WOULD SAY, GEE, I'D LIKE HISTORIC ZONING ON MY HOUSE AND I'D LIKE THE TAX BENEFITS THAT GO WITH THAT. THESE ARE AGAIN THE HOUSES JUST IN THE

PEMBERTON AREA. THAT'S THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE, THAT'S THE NUMBER OF DISTRICTS IN AUSTIN TODAY. AND AS YOU KNOW, YOU DON'T CONTROL THE NUMBER OF DISTRICTS THAT ARE CREATED. I THINK YOU'VE HAD IN FACT SOME DISTRICTS THAT YOU OPPOSE THAT WERE CREATED. AND IF THIS IS A VIABLE TOOL, I WOULD SUBMIT THAT YOU WOULD CONTINUE TO SEE MORE AND MORE DISTRICTS. IN TERMS OF IT BEING THE WRONG TOOL, YOU'VE SEEN THE IDEAS AND THE RESPECT GIVEN TO NOT ONLY THE DEED RESTRICTIONS, BUT WHAT'S THERE. THE WALTERS LIVE FIVE HOUSES FROM THIS HOUSE. THEY'VE LIVED THERE FOR 14 YEARS. IT'S NOT THAT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA. AND I REALLY THINK AS REPRESENTED BY THE YELLOW, YOU CAN LOOK AT THE PEOPLE MOST CLOSELY AFFECTED AND YOU SEE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD SUPPORT THE WALTERS AND HOPE THAT YOU WOULD DENY HISTORIC ZONING REPRESENTED IN THE YELLOW THE HOUSE, THE SITE IS IN THE BLUE. THE PEOPLE WITHIN 200 FEET NORMALLY ACCORDED A GREAT DEAL OF RESPECT IN THE ZONING PROCESS. AS YOU SEE, THAT'S THE BLOWUP OF THAT AREA. ALMOST ALL OF THE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD NOT SUPPORT HISTORIC ZONING. SO I WOULD URGE YOU TO DO AS THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION DID AND TO SAY, YES, WE ARE VERY PROTECTIVE OF OUR HISTORY, AND WHEN WE SEE A TRULY HISTORIC STRUCTURE, WE WILL DESIGNATE IT SO, BUT THIS SIMPLY DOES NOT MEET THE TEST. IT IS -- IT WOULD BE A MISUSE OF THE PROCESS TO APPLY AN H STICKER TO THIS PROPERTY. AND I THINK THAT'S THE CONCLUSION THAT THE MAJORITY OF THEM REACHED AND THE CONCLUSION THAT I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD REACH AS WELL. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. DRENER. SO TECHNICALLY MR. SADOWSKY, AS THE APPLICANT YOU GET A THREE-MINUTE REBUTTAL.

I DON'T THINK I'LL COME CLOSE TO THAT, SIR. I WANT TO POINT OUT -- I WAS HANDED A NOTE SAYING THAT A NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE LISTED AS OPPOSING HISTORIC ZONING WERE ACTUALLY SIGNED UP IN FAVOR OF IT. SO I DON'T KNOW HOW WE WANT TO DEAL WITH THAT, BUT I JUST

WANTED TO MAKE THAT FOR THE RECORD. THE OTHER THINGS THAT I WANTED TO REITERATE TO THE COUNCIL ARE THE FACT THAT THIS HOUSE IS A CONTRIBUTING HOUSE TO A NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT. IF PEMBERTON SECTION 8 BECAME A LOCAL DISTRICT THAT WOULDWOULD BE ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO THAT. A CLASSICAL REVIVAL HOUSE SUCH AS THIS ONE BUILT IN THE 1930'S, IT'S A REVIVAL STYLE. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THE FINEST OR THE MOST CLOSE REPLICA OF A CLASSICAL STYLE BECAUSE THE REVIVAL WAS SIMPLY BUILT BY BUILDERS AND THEY WERE TAKING ELEMENTS THAT WERE USED ON CLASSICAL BUILDINGS IN ANCIENT TIMES AND ADAPTING THEM TO THE MATERIALS AND THE DESIGNS THAT PEOPLE IN THE 1930'S WERE EXPERIENCING. SO I JUST WANTED TO CLEAR THAT UP FOR YOU. THAT'S THE END OF MY COMMENTS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. SADOWSKY, ONE OTHER CLARIFICATION. I JUST REALIZED THAT JIM CHRISTIANSON HAD SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK IF THERE WERE QUESTIONS OF HIM. HE ALSO IS IN FAVOR OF THE HISTORIC ZONING. I BELIEVE THAT'S NOW EVERYBODY. COUNCIL? SO WITH THAT I'D ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

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Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?
COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: YES. THIS IS FOR MR. SADOWSKY. WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF FOLKS WITH A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE, YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF THE HISTORY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE ARCHITECTURE, AND SEVERAL FOLKS MENTIONED THAT THERE WERE OTHER HOMES IN THE CLASSICAL REVIVAL STYLE, I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU CALLED IT, IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY THERE ARE AND IF ANY OF THEM ARE ZONED HISTORIC CURRENTLY?

WE DON'T HAVE ANY CLASSICAL REVIVAL STYLE HOUSES ZONED HISTORIC IN PEMBERTON. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF

CLASSICAL REVIVAL HOUSES IN PEMBERTON. YOU SAW SLIDES OF SOME. OTHER HOUSES THAT I THINK HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS CLASSICAL REVIVAL, I THINK MOST ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS WOULD REFER TO AS COLONIAL REVIVAL. THEY'RE SIMILAR STYLES BECAUSE A LOT OF COLONIAL REVIVAL HOUSES TOOK CLASSICAL ELEMENTS AS PART OF THEIR DESIGN. CLASSICAL REVIVAL, THE EMPHASIS IS REALLY ON THE CLASSICAL ELEMENTS, SO IT'S THE FULL HEIGHT PORTICO, THE CORINTHIAN CAPITALS OF SYMMETRY OF THE DESIGN THAT REALLY BRING THAT OUT RATHER THAN A COLONIAL REVIVAL.

Alvarez: IN TERMS OF THIS PARTICULAR ADDITION OR SUBDIVISION OF PEMBERTON, AND THIS IS IN 1938 I GUESS IS WHAT WE'VE HEARD. DO WE KNOW HOW MANY -- IN THIS ADDITION, HOW MANY HOMES ARE PART OF THAT AND HOW MANY DATE BACK TO THIS POINT IN TIME, 1938?

LET ME GET A LETTER REAL QUICK BECAUSE I HAVE THAT ANSWER FOR YOU. THANKS. SECTION 8 OF PEMBERTON, PEMBERTON WAS A VERY LARGE AREA AND IT WAS DEVELOPED AT DIFFERENT TIMES. SECTION 8 WAS THE LAST SECTION OF PEMBERTON TO BE DEVELOPED. IT BEGAN IN 1938. OTHER AREAS, PEMBERTON WERE DEVELOPED AS EARLY AS 1924, SO THIS IS ACTUALLY QUITE A LATER DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AREA. IT BEGAN IN 1938, THE HOUSES RANGE FROM THE LATE 30'S ALL THE WAY TO THE 1970'S AND THEN BRAND NEW HOUSES HAVE BEEN BUILT THERE AS WELL. 75 -- THERE ARE 75 HOUSES IN SECTION 8, OF WHICH 43 ARE CONTRIBUTING IN THE OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT, SO THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT A FAIRLY SMALL AREA IN COMPARISON TO THE ENTIRE AREA OF PEMBERTON THAT MOST PEOPLE THINK OF AS PEMBERTON.

Alvarez: OKAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?
COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

Dunkerley: I THINK EACH TIME ONE OF THESE HISTORIC CASES COME UP THAT HAS OWNER OPPOSITION, I HAVE TO SORT OF RETHINK THE HISTORIC ORDINANCE AGAIN. I THINK

IT IS A VERY NICE HOME AND I THINK WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT BEING A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE. BUT IN THIS JARGON IN THE HISTORIC ORDINANCE AND LANGUAGE, THERE'S A LOT OF DIFFERENCE IN THE CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE AND A NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT OR EVEN A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE IN A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT, WHICH WE ARE JUST NOW BEGINNING TO DO. THOSE DESIGNATIONS CARRY NO TAX ABATEMENTS, BUT IN AUSTIN, WHEN WE GIVE INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION, HISTORIC DESIGNATION TO THE STRUCTURE, THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT TAX ABATEMENTS GIVEN TO THOSE. AND EVERYBODY ELSE IN THIS CITY HAS TO ABSORB THAT. SO I REALLY THINK THAT WE HAVE TO HOLD IT TO A HIGHER STANDARD. SO WHEN I THINK OF -- I KNOW THIS IS PROBABLY THE HIGH END, BUT WHEN I THINK OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES ON THE COMMERCIAL SIDE, I THINK OF THE DRISKILL HOTEL, GIVING A LITTLE PLUG BACK THERE, OR EVEN ON THE RESIDENTIAL SIDE, THINGS LIKE THE PEASE MANSION, THE ELIZABETH NEFF MUSEUM, EVEN THE O'HENRY HOUSE, BUT HOUSES THAT ARE TRULY SIGNIFICANT THAT REACH A LEVEL OF EITHER ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE OR HISTORICAL EXCELLENCE IN SOME WAY THAT THEY DESERVE TO HAVE THAT SPECIAL DESIGNATION AND GET A VERY SPECIAL TAX BREAK THAT THE REST OF THE CITY SUPPORTS BECAUSE IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. SO THAT'S WHERE I'M HAVING TROUBLE REACHING THAT POINT ON THIS PARTICULAR HOUSE. I THINK THERE ARE OTHER TOOLS THAT COULD BE USED VERY EFFECTIVELY FOR THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AND MANY OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS. THE NCCD DISTRICTS, LIKE HYDE PARK HAS USED VERY EFFECTIVELY, I THINK. WE'VE GOT LOCAL DISTRICTS THAT HOPEFULLY WILL COME UP WITH SOON THAT WOULD BE A HELP. SO I WOULD LIKE TO REALLY HAVE SOME MORE WORK DONE ON TRYING TO GET -- ENCOURAGE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE A LOT OF CONTRIBUTING STORIES TO LOOK TO THESE TYPES OF TOOLS TO HELP THEM. I THINK ADDITIONALLY I'D LIKE TO JUST TELL THE COUNCIL OR ASK THEIR SUPPORT IN THAT I WOULD LIKE TO BRING BACK TO COUNCIL ON THE 18th OF AUGUST A RESOLUTION TO ASK THE HISTORIC TASKFORCE WHO WORKED ON THIS ORDINANCE FOR A LONG TIME TO COME BACK INTO SESSION ONE MORE TIME AND DO A COUPLE OF

THINGS, KIND OF REVIEW WHAT THEY DID AND HOW WE'RE APPLYING IT. AND SECONDLY, TO WORK WITH YOU, STEVE, ON THE LOCAL DISTRICTS AND MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN GET THAT PROCESS UP AND GOING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AND THEN AGAIN, I'D LIKE THEM PERHAPS TO WORK WITH YOU TO COME UP WITH WAYS THAT WE CAN DO SOME OUTREACH TO NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE -- THAT LOOK LIKE THEY WOULD BE A PERFECT CANDIDATE FOR SOME OF THESE OTHER TOOLS LIKE NCCD'S AND LOCAL DISTRICTS. SO THAT WE CAN GET THOSE KINDS OF PROTECTIONS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SO THOSE ARE THE THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO DO TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS, BUT I REALLY DON'T THINK THIS PARTICULAR STRUCTURE MEETS THAT HIGH STANDARD TO AWARD A TAX ABATEMENT THAT THE REST OF THE CITY HAS TO COVER.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? SO TECHNICALLY WE HAVE A VALID PETITION BY THE OWNER, A VALID PETITION IN OPPOSITION TO THE HISTORIC ZONING. SO IT'S GOING TO TAKE SIX AFFIRMATIVE VOTES OF COUNCIL TO ZONE THIS HOUSE HISTORIC. THAT IS, IF THERE WERE TWO VOTES ON THE COUNCIL THAT DON'T THINK AND LIKELY WON'T BE CONVINCED THAT THE HOUSE IS HISTORIC, THEN THE CASE IS MOOT. MR. SADOWSKY, THE WHOLE CONCEPT -- IT SEEMS TO ME THE CONCEPT OF CONTRIBUTING VERSUS A TRUE EXISTING LANDMARK IN A NEIGHBORHOOD, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT BIG ELEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE -- OR THE SCALE, SCOPE IS SITING ON A LOT -- TYPICALLY IN A ZONING CASE LIKE THIS YOU DON'T HAVE -- OFTEN TIMES AT LEAST YOU DON'T HAVE SORT OF THE PRECISE PLANS AND WHAT OTHERWISE IS GOING TO BE BUILT. BUT HAVE -- AND I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR ALONG MR. WALTERS' PLANS MAY OR MAY NOT BE, BUT HAVE YOU SEEN OR IS THERE A WAY FOR ESSENTIALLY YOU TO REVIEW PLANS, AND BASED ON SITING, SCOPE AND SCALE COULD SAY, WELL, IF THOSE WERE THREE PARTS OF CONTRIBUTING PARAMETERS, THEN THIS PLAN MIMICS OR MATCHES THOSE.

YES, THERE IS.

HAVE YOU SEEN PLANS FOR THAT.

I'VE SEEN THE PLAN THAT YOU SAW TONIGHT SHOWING THE FOOTPRINT OF THE PROPOSED NEW HOUSE, BUT I DON'T THINK MR. WALTERS IS FAR ENOUGH IN HIS DESIGN TO HAVE PROVIDED ELEVATIONS OF WHAT'S GOING TO BE BUILT THERE. THIS PROPERTY IS IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT, SO ANYTHING BUILT IN PLACE OF THE HOUSE THAT'S ALREADY THERE WOULD BE REVIEWED BY THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION. BUT THEY GIVE RECOMMENDATIONS --

Mayor Wynn: IT SEEMS TO ME THAT AN ELEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION, I MEAN, THERE COULD BE NEW CONSTRUCTION THAT STILL CONTRIBUTES IN THE CONTEXT OF SITING, SIZE, SCALE, SCOPE, MATERIALS, THINGS LIKE THAT. AND SO I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD BE THAT PROCESS FOR AS AN OWNER IS PREPARING TO DEMOLISH AND THEN BUILD A NEW HOME, HOW THAT GETS REVIEWED. SO I GUESS THE CONSENSUS OF THE DISTRICT IF IT'S GOING TO GO OH THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION, SO THEIR PLANS, THEIR SITE PLAN OR CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS ACTUALLY GO BEFORE THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION FOR LIKE TECHNICAL APPROVAL OR FOR SOME TYPE OF --

FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO -- WITH THE IDEA OF ENCOURAGING COMPATIBILITY WITH THE HISTORIC CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT.

AND WHAT THE --

Mayor Wynn: AND WHAT'S THE ULTIMATE SORT OF POLICING AUTHORITY? IF THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION DOESN'T THINK THAT THE PLANS THAT COME BEFORE THEM ARE APPROPRIATE, DO THEY SEND A NOTE TO THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT?

THEY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PROPERTY OWNER.

Mayor Wynn: ADVISORY FUNCTION.

ADVISORY REVIEW, YES, SIR. THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT AND A LOCAL

HISTORIC DISTRICT. THE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT WILL HAVE DESIGN STANDARDS THAT WILL -- THAT WILL BE ENFORCEABLE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION DISTRICT. THE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT JUST HAS ADVISORY -- AN ADVISORY REVIEW.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. PERHAPS IF I COULD -- I'M NOT SURE IF MR. WALTERS OR HIS ARCHITECT OR SOMEBODY IS HERE WHO COULD TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE THEIR PLANS FOR THE PROPERTY. I GUESS I'D LIKE TO SEE HOW FAR ALONG THEY ARE AND HOW -- PERHAPS HOW MUCH OF THOSE CONTRIBUTING PARAMETERS MIGHT BE MET WITH NEW CONSTRUCTION. MR. DRENNER? I MEAN, IT SEEMS TO ME THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEETING SIMPLY A SETBACK STANDARD AND HAVING OTHER ARCHITECTURAL MATERIALS, SCALE, SCOPE ELEMENTS THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED CONTRIBUTING.

YES, I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT 100%. AND THE PLAN THAT YOU SAW ON THE SCREEN, THAT'S AS FAR AS WE TOOK IT UNTIL WE WERE SURE THAT THE PROCESS WAS GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THE INTENT OF THE WALTERS AND CERTAINLY OF MYSELF AS AN ARCHITECT IS TO DESIGN A SUCCESSFUL AND CONTEXTUAL REPLACEMENT FOR THAT PARTICULAR STRUCTURE ON THAT LOT. SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT I MADE EARLIER ABOUT THE SENSITIVITY THAT WE'RE GOING TO -- THAT WILL LAYER INTO OUR THINKING ABOUT HOW IT'S SIGHTED, HOW IT NECESSARY TO THE TREES, HOW THE PROPORTIONS OF THE MASSING STAY IN KEEPING, THE SCALE STAYS SYMPATHETIC TO THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE MATERIALS UTILIZED IN THE DESIGN ARE GOING TO BE REAL MATERIALS. THERE'S GOING TO BE STONE, WOOD, GLASS. THE TREATMENT OF THE ACTUAL STRUCTURE, THE RELATIONSHIP TO THE STREET IS GOING TO BE VERY MUCH IN KEEPING AND VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THE REST OF THE ADJACENT NEIGHBORHOODS. MOST OF THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS, HARTHEN STREET IS A GREAT EXAMPLE. THEY HAVE A WONDERFUL RELATIONSHIP TO THE STREET AND THEY FOSTER A NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT. AND THIS PARTICULAR RESPONSE HERE ON THIS SITE WILL BE VERY MUCH IN KEEPING WITH THAT SPIRIT.

Mayor Wynn: BUT YOU ALL N'T GONE FURTHER THAN THE --

NO, IT'S STILL ON A CONCEPTUAL LEVEL.

Mayor Wynn: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SIR. FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? MAYOR PRO TEM.

Thomas: THANK YOU, MAYOR. I'VE HEARD BOTH SIDES TONIGHT, AND I REALLY -- WHEN THE YOUNG LADIES CAME TO MY OFFICE AND WE SAT DOWN AND TALKED AND I AM VERY SYMPATHETIC TO WHAT THEY REALLY WANT TO DO, HOW TO KEEP THE PARTICULAR AREA HISTORICAL IN RESPECT TO THE HOUSES, BUT I ALSO TOLD THEM THAT I WANTED TO HEAR BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY. I THINK I'VE HEARD BOTH SIDES AND I THINK IT KIND OF WEIGHS REALLY WHAT THE OWNER REALLY WANTS TO DO. I THINK EVEN IN MY VOTING HISTORY IS THAT I BELIEVE THAT WHEN SOMEONE OWNS PROPERTY THAT WE NEED TO BE MORE SYMPATHETIC OF WHAT THEY CAN DO. COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY AND YOUR TASKFORCE WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO ASK THEM TO COME BACK IN, IS THERE ANYTHING IN THERE THAT STATES THAT IF THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY ARE NOT WILLING TO ASK FOR A DEMOLITION PERMIT, WHAT DO WE DO? DO WE JUST NOT RESPECT THE OWNER'S REQUEST? HOW DO WE HANDLE THAT? I NEED TO KNOW IF YOU CAN LOOK AT THAT SITUATION BECAUSE I THINK IT WOULD ELIMINATE SOME OF THE CASES THAT CONTINUE TO COME IN FRONT OF US BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS TONIGHT BECAUSE OF, NUMBER ONE, WHAT THE OWNER WANTS TO DO, AND NUMBER TWO, IT DOESN'T MEET SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WOULD MAKE IT HISTORICAL. SO IF YOU COULD DO THAT WHEN YOU GO BACK TO YOUR TASKFORCE.

Dunkerley: WE COULD ASK THEM TO VISIT WITH YOU AND MAKE SURE THEY LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE ISSUES.

Thomas: OKAY. IN DETAIL.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: YEAH. I THINK A LOT OF US KNEW HOW WE WOULD VOTE WHEN WE CAME IN THIS EVENING, BUT WE

HAVE TO HAVE A VERY HIGH STANDARD FOR ZONING TO WORK AGAINST THE OWNER'S WISHES. I DON'T THINK THAT THIS HOUSE RISES TO THAT LEVEL. AND ALSO WE HAVE TWO ELEMENTS, I THINK ONE OF THE PROPONENTS OF HISTORIC ZONING SAID IT VERY WELL, THAT THERE'S A DUTY, A LARGER DUTY THAN JUST TO YOURSELF. I FRAME IT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY. YOU HAVE INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND YOU ALSO HAVE A DUTY TO YOUR COMMUNITY AS OPPOSED TO COLLECTIVE RIGHTS OVER SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY. I THINK THAT OWNERS HAVE A DUTY TO THE COMMUNITY. I THINK THAT MR. AND MRS. WALTERS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEY'RE MEETING THAT DUTY BASED ON WHAT I'VE SEEN. AND I WAS VERY CONCERNED, AND THIS COUNCIL HAS BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE McMANSIONS THAT ARE IN OUR REALLY HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS. TO ME IT'S VERY CLEAR AFTER TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION THAT THIS IS NOT A McMANSION TYPE SITUATION. I MIGHT HAVE VOTED DIFFERENTLY IF IT WERE A McMANSION SITUATION, BUT THE HOUSE IS GOING TO BE IN SCALE, IT WILL BE -- I FEEL IT WILL BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND IT ALSO, THE HOUSE THERE RIGHT NOW REALLY DOESN'T RISE TO THE VERY HIGH STANDARDS WE SHOULD EXPECT BEFORE WE IMPOSE IT ON SOMEONE AGAINST THEIR WILL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?
COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I ALSO DON'T THINK THIS STRUCTURE IS HISTORIC FOR THE REASONS THAT THE ARCHITECTS SAID ABOUT IT BEING QUASI ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT ALUMINUM SIDING WAS PUT ON THIS STRUCTURE. I DON'T KNOW IF WE COULD PASS AN ORDINANCE TO BAN ALUMINUM SIDING ON SUCH NICE HOMES, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR MOVING TOWARDS THESE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A TOOL TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE GOOD DESIGN STANDARDS, PRESERVING THESE CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES, YET NOT OFFERING THE KIND OF TAX BREAKS THAT AN HISTORIC DESIGNATION BRINGS WITH IT. BUT I AM GOING TO MOVE ON FIRST READING TO DENY THE REQUEST.

Mayor Wynn: IF I CAN, COUNCILMEMBER, I WILL RECOMMEND IN THE PROCEDURE WHEN WE HAVE A VALID PETITION ON

AN HISTORIC CASE LIKE THIS, IT WOULD TAKE SIX VOTES ON THE FINAL READING TO APPROVE HISTORIC ZONING. SO THEREFORE IT WOULD ONLY TAKE FOUR VOTES TO APPROVE HISTORIC ZONING ON FIRST AND SECOND READING, ONLY TO THEN HAVE IT DIE ON THIRD READING. IF THERE IS STRONG ENOUGH CONSENSUS, I THINK THE PROCEDURE FOR EVERYBODY'S SAKE WOULD BE A MOTION TO DENY. AND IF THAT PASSES ON A SIMPLE FOURTH REVOTE, THEN THE CASE IS CLOSED, EVEN IF IT FAILS ON, SAY, A THREE TO FOUR VOTE, THEN A MOTION FOR HISTORIC ZONING COULD PASS 4-3 OVER A PERIOD OF WEEKS, ONLY TO THEN DIE ON THE THIRD READING UNLESS SOME VOTES CHANGE. SO MY REQUEST OR RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE THAT I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO DENY KNOWING THAT I THINK THERE IS A STRONG OPINION ABOUT THAT AMONG THE DAIS.

Kim: THEN MY MOTION TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR HISTORIC ZONING.

SECOND.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO DENY HISTORIC ZONING. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: THANKS, MAYOR. THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE DIFFICULT HISTORIC CASES, AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S PRETTY CLEAR THAT AT LEAST TWO VOTES TO DENY, WHICH REALLY MEANS THAT THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN SINCE THERE'S A MOTION AND A SECOND TO DENY IT. BUT HAVING LISTENED TO THE PRESENTATIONS AND I PERSONALLY FEEL LIKE THE HOUSE HAS SOME HISTORIC MERIT, EVEN UNDER THE NEW CRITERIA THAT THE TASKFORCE CAME UP WITH JUST RECENTLY, A TASKFORCE TO WHICH WE'RE GOING TO GIVE MORE AUTHORITY APPARENTLY, BUT I THINK THAT IF -- IF THE HISTORIC COMMISSION AND OUR LANDMARK OFFICER FEEL IT HAS HISTORIC MERIT, I THINK THAT THAT'S -- I MEAN, THAT CERTAINLY SHOULD MEAN SOMETHING. AND REALLY JUST LOOKING AT SOME OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMPONENTS OR ASPECTS, AND CERTAINLY THE CAREERS OR THE

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY OF SOME OF THE -- A
COUPLE OF RESIDENTS I THINK IS CERTAINLY WORTHY OF
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Mayor Wynn: MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE TO DENY
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OPPOSED? MOTION TO DENY PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-1
WITH COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ VOTING NO. THANK YOU
ALL. SO, COUNCIL, THAT TAKE US TO OUR -- TO OUR PUBLIC
HEARINGS. OR RATHER TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON
YOU ON PROPOSED CITY BUDGET. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE
LATE HOUR. BUT WE NEEDED TO GET THROUGH THE -- THE
YOU -- OUR ZONING CASES. WE HAVE A FEW FOLKS THAT
HAVE WAITED FOR US. SO AT THIS TIME WE WILL CALL UP
ITEM NO. 42, WHICH IS TO RECEIVE PUBLIC HEARING, PUBLIC
COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR '05-'06 BUDGET.
WE TRY TO BREAK THESE UP INTO SEGMENTS IN OUR
BUDGET, ANY CITIZEN CAN TO TO ANY OF THESE HEARINGS,
SPEAK ON ANY ELEMENT OF THE BUDGET. TODAY AT 2:00 WE
FOCUSED ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT,
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. IT HAPPENS TO BE FRESH
IN OUR MINDS, BUT AGAIN CITIZENS CAN ADDRESS ANY
ELEMENT OF THE BUTT THEY THE BUDGET THEY WISH. I
DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY REASON TO INTRODUCE THE
TOPIC. STRAIGHT TO CITIZEN SPEAKERS. IF MY SCREEN
COMES UP. LET'S SEE. I KNOW A LOT OF FOLKS PROBABLY
HAD TO LEAVE. I WILL START CALLING NAMES IN ORDER, SEE
WHO IS STILL WITH US, DR. AMY CASPRISIN.

SHE LEFT.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. NICOLE TUMLISON WAS WANTING TO

DONATE TIME. IF SHE'S HERE, SHE'S WELCOME TO SPEAK.

NO.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY, THANK YOU. ADA CORONA JILLA LOBOS, WISHING TO SPEAK AGAINST. THERE'S LOTS OF POTENTIAL WAYS TO BE FOR AND AGAINST A BIG BUDGET. BEVERLY WILLIAMS. OKAY. WELL, THANK YOU, WHO DID YOU DONATE YOUR TIME TO? I'M SORRY? THEN IN FACT YOU ARE NEXT, LINDSAY. GOOD TIMING. AND LET'S SEE, IS RANDY MARTIN HERE?

HE HAD TO LEAVE.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY, LINDSEY, UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT, WELCOME.

HI, GOOD EVENING, MAYOR WYNN AND MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS AND COUNCILMEMBERS, I KNOW THAT IT'S LATE, EVERYBODY IS STARVING AND TIRED, I WILL BE QUICK. I AM LINDSAY MCCAIN, A VETERINARIAN TECHNICIAN FOR EMANCIPET A LOW COST SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC HERE IN AUSTIN. THE EUTHANASIA RATE AT TOWN LAKE HAS BEEN PROJECTED AT 59% IN THE BUDGET. AS A CITIZEN OF AUSTIN, I FIND THIS UNACCEPTABLE. THIS INCREASE IN EUTHANASIA REPRESENTS AN INCREASE IN STRAY ANIMALS, MEANING NOT ONLY A PROBLEM FOR THE ANIMALS, IT'S ALSO A HEALTH HAZARD HAVING SO MANY FERAL CATS AND DOGS. THE STERILIZATION IS TO PREVENT THEM FROM REHE PRODUCING. ONE WAY TO ENACT IS MASSIVE FUNDING OF SPAY AND NEUTER WHEN THE CITY CURRENTLY FUNDS FREE THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, FREE MATERIALATION THROUGH OUR CLINIC -- STERILIZATION THROUGH OUR CLINIC, IT'S OBVIOUSLY NOT ENOUGH MONEY BECAUSE THE NUMBERS KEEP GOING UP. YOU NEED A LOT OF FUNDING FOR ADVERTISING, TO GET PEOPLE IN THERE, FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION SO THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND SPAY AND NEUTER, THINGS LIKE THAT. OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S NOT LIMITLESS MONEY, SO THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATIVES OTHER THAN INCREASING THE FUNDING. WHICH IS WHAT I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT. I RECOMMEND SUPPORTING AN ORDINANCE THAT REQUIRES PEOPLE TO SPAY AND NEUTER THEIR ANIMALS, BASICALLY THERE'S AN ORDINANCE THAT'S

BEEN PASSED THROUGH THE ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION, IT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO ALL OF YOUR AIDES. THERE'S BEEN MEETINGS WITH ALL OF YOUR AIDES. IT'S BASICALLY REQUIRES PEOPLE TO BE RESPONSIBLE, SPAY AND NEUTER THEIR ANIMALS BEFORE THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO REPRODUCE, MAKE A LOT OF UNWANTED LITTERS OF ANIMALS, I'M A TECHNICIAN AT THE CLINIC, WE SEE ABOUT 30 TO 40 CLIENTS EVERY DAY. THE NUMBER ONE REASON THAT PEOPLE TELL US THEY ARE BRINGING THEIR ANIMALS IN THAT DAY TO GET FIXED IS ALMOST ALWAYS JUST BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT HER TO MAKE ANY MORE PUPPIES AND KITTENS. ALWAYS SHE'S HAD SO MANY LITTERS, THEY HAVE STARTED DYING, I HAVE BROUGHT THEM TO GO HURRICANE EMILY AHEAD HER FIXED. THESE AREN'T SHOW ANIMALS, JUST IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE WHO JUST DIDN'T REALLY GET THE TIME TO GO TO THEIR VET AND GET THIS DONE. IF YOU HAVE AN ORDINANCE, YOU CAN JUST KIND OF GIVE THEM THE INCENTIVE TO GET UP AND MAKE THAT APPOINTMENT AND JUST GO AND GET THEIR ANIMALS FIXED BEFORE THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE 15 OR 20 OR HOWEVER MANY PUPPIES AND KITTENS THAT END UP AT TOWN LAKE OR ON THE STREETS. UM ... I KNOW THAT AN ORDINANCE WOULD WORK. I KNOW THIS FOR TWO DIFFERENT REASONS. ONE IS THAT PEOPLE COME TO OUR CLINIC DURING THE DAY, ACTUALLY WHAT I WORKED AT TODAY, DURING THE DAY THEY COME IN TO GET RABIES VACCINATION NATIONS FOR THEIR -- VACCINATIONS IF THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN STERILIZED. THEY STAND IN LINE JUST TO GET THE ANIMALS RABIES VACCINES BECAUSE IT'S REQUIRED BY LAW. THEY DON'T GET THEM OTHER SHOTS OR MEDICATION OR ANYTHING TO IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH NECESSARY. SOME DO, NOT ALL OF THEM. THEY ARE JUST THERE BECAUSE THEY WANT THE RABIES VACCINE BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY HAVE TO BY LAW OR THEY WILL GET THIS TROUBLE. I THINK THE SAME KIND OF LOGIC WOULD WORK FOR A SPAY AND NEUTER ORDINANCE. PEOPLE WILL KNOW THAT IT'S A LAW AND DO WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES. THE OTHER REASON I KNOW THAT IT WILL WORK IS IT'S WORKED IN OTHER CITIES, I HAVE A FEW EXAMPLES FOR YOU. KING COUNTY IN WASHINGTON STATE PASSED AN ORDINANCE IN 1991, SINCE THEN THEIR EUTHANASIA HAS DROPPED BY 7,000 ANIMALS. THEY ONLY EUTHANIZED 8

HEALTHY ANIMALS TOTAL LAST YEAR. WE EUTHANIZE LIKE 7,000 HEALTHY ANIMALS, A LOT MORE THAN THAT. THEY ENACTED THEIR ORDINANCE IN 1991. SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA ENACTED IT IN 1990, SINCE THEN EUTHANASIA DROPPED BY 4,000 ANIMALS. IN KARL DROPPED BY 14%, AND THE NUMBER OF ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS HAS DROPPED BY 10%. ANIMALS THAT ARE SPAYED AND NEUTERED ARE TYPICALLY LESS AGGRESSIVE, LESS LIKELY TO ROAM, BITE PEOPLE, CAUSE PROBLEMS LIKE THAT. THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO STAY IN THEIR YARDS, THEY DON'T USUALLY ACT AS AGGRESSIVE, NOT AS MUCH OF A HEALTH RISK TO PEOPLE. OVERPOPULATION OF PETS, REALLY SAD, BUT ALSO A COSTLY PROBLEM FOR THE CITY. WE SPEND A LOT OF MONEY ON IT. IF WE CAN DECREASE THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS COMING INTO TOWN LAKE, WE CAN HOPEFULLY NOT ONLY HELP THE ANIMALS, BUT HOPEFULLY ALSO SAVE THE CITY SOME MONEY AND MAKE AUSTIN A SAFER AND MORE HUMAN PLACE TO LIVE. AND LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO COME TO EMANCI PET ANY TIME ON THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, WE DO THE FREE CLINICS, COME IN THE MORNING, PEOPLE WAIT IN LINE A COUPLE OF HOURS TO GET THEIR ANIMALS SPAYED OR NEUTERED, COME AND SEE THE PROBLEM FIRSTHAND. YOU CAN SEE THE KIND OF PEOPLE THAT ARE REALLY CONTRIBUTING TO THIS PROBLEM. MEET THEM, TALK TO THEM, I WILL E-MAIL ALL OF YOU TOMORROW WITH MY CONTACT INFORMATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME, WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU GUYS TO VISIT AND REALLY MEET THE -- THESE PEOPLE, KIND OF SEE THE COMMUNITY THAT'S IN EAST AUSTIN THAT'S REALLY THE MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROBLEM. THANK YOU. FOR YOUR TIME. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ANYTHING?

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, LINDSAY, VERY WELL SPOKEN. DAVID MINCE, WELCOME. THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY PETER FLAG MAXON IF PETER IS STILL HERE.

GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS DAVID MINCE. HERE THIS EVENING ON BEHALF OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET. DEALING WITH LIBRARY SYSTEM. YOU KNOW, AT FIRST BLUSH WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE INCREASE, IN THE LIBRARY BUDGET THIS YEAR, 12% LOOKS LIKE QUITE A BIT OF MONEY. IF YOU LOOK IN TERMS OF REELS DOLLARS YOU ARE REALLY

RESTORING BACK TO THE 2001-2002 BUDGET. THE LIBRARY COMMISSION SHOWS VERY STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING THE STAFF POSITIONS TO BE ABLE TO REOPEN THE LIBRARY HOURS SO THAT COMMUNITY SERVICES CAN BE RESTORED AND APPRECIATE THE CITY MANAGER'S ATTEMPTS TO DO THAT. WE ALSO APPRECIATE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGETS, THAT GOT DELAYED TWO YEARS AGO FROM THE 1998 BOND ELECTION.

MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 5-0-2 WITH COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL'S AND ALVAREZ TEMPORARILY OFF THE DAIS OFF THE DAIS, LATE FOR US, TOO. IS DICK PIERCE STILL HERE. UP TO THREE MINUTES, MARGARITE, FOLLOWED BY REGINA.

REGINA HAD TO LEAVE.

Mayor Wynn: OH, MY GOSH.

I'M READING A LETTER ON BEHALF.

HANG ON THEN, IS BRIAN DONOVAN STILL HERE? NO? HOW ABOUT MIRIAM MISSENBALM OR LARRY ELSNER OR LINDA --

ALL WITH --

I'M THE LAST MAN STANDING.

Mayor Wynn: WELL, OKAY, WELCOME.

[LAUGHTER] GOOD EVENING, MAYOR. MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER. MY NAME IS MARGARITE JONES AS YOU KNOW, I'M THE COORDINATOR FOR AUSTIN AREA HUMAN SERVICE ASSOCIATION. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAD -- WERE HERE BUT THEY DID HAVE TO LEAVE. I'M READING A LETTER FOR YOU ON BEHALF OF REGINA ROGOFF OUR PRESIDING PRESIDENT. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, ON BEHALF OF AUSTIN AREA HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION, AND AUSTIN MOVING FORWARD, I AM WRITING TO ENDORSE THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR OF 2006 OPERATING BUDGET TO RESTORE THE PREVIOUSLY

IMPLEMENTED 5% CUT TO HELP HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT AGENCIES. THIS RESTORATION REPRESENTS \$575,000 OR LESS THAN 5% OF THE CITY'S TOTAL BUDGET. AS YOU ARE AWARE, FUNDING FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT AGENCIES HAS REMAINED STATIC OR DECREASED OVER THE PAST DECADE. WHILE THE -- THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DELIVERED CRITICAL SERVICES TO THE GROWING POPULATION. THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE ARE A REFLECTION OF AUSTIN. THEY ARE THE YOUNG, THE OLD, THEY ARE EMPLOYED, THEY ARE UNEMPLOYED. THEY ARE OF ALL ETHNIC AND RACIAL GROUPS. WHAT THEY HAVE IN COMMON IS NEED. A NEED FOR FOOD, FOR SHELTER, FOR COUNSELING, FOR HEALTH CARE. FOR CHILD CARE. FOR JOB TRAINING, FOR THINGS THAT MOST OTHERS TAKE FOR GRANTED. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT RESTORATION OF THIS 5% IS INDICATIVE OF A CHANGE IN PHILOSOPHY TOWARDS THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT AGENCIES. IN PARTICULAR, THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE YOUR PARTNERS ON THE FRONT LINE. MEETING COMMUNITY NEED. THEY LEVERAGE YOUR INVESTMENT AND MAXIMIZE THE RETURN IN THE COMMUNITY. THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE ARE INTEGRAL TO THE THIRD LEG OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND SOCIAL EQUALITY. I'M SORRY, EQUITY EQUATION. A COMMUNITY NEEDS ALL THREE TO SUCCEED. WE HAVE JOINED FORCES WITH MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITIES, WHO SHARE OUR CONCERNS FOR THE FUTURE OF AUSTIN. LONG TERM, I KNOW THAT WE SHARE THE GOAL OF SEEING FULL FUNDING OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION, HOWEVER, THAT THE CITY HAS SIGNIFICANT FUTURE PUBLIC SAFETY OBLIGATIONS THAT LIMIT, THAT MAY LIMIT ITS ABILITY TO ADDRESS OTHER CRITICAL ISSUES. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN ESCALATION IN THE COST OF LIVING, IN AUSTIN, AND YET NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO TAKE CARE OF REAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY'S MOST DISADVANTAGED. WE ASK THAT YOU SERIOUSLY CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ANNUALIZED COST OF BUSINESS ADJUSTMENT FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT AGENCIES TO VOID THE CONTINUED EROSION OF VALUE FOR THESE GROUPS AND THEIR ABILITY

TO SERVE THEIR EVER-INCREASING NUMBER OF CLIENTS
[BUZZER SOUNDING] THANK YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD
TO WORKING WITH YOU. AND TO THE FUTURE BETTERMENT
OF AUSTIN, SINCERELY, REGINA ROGOFF, PRESIDENT
AUSTIN AREA HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION. I'M SORRY I
HAD JUST TWO COMMENTS TO MAKE. I WOULD LIKE TO
REINFORCE THE STATEMENTS MADE BY CLINT SMITH TODAY
OF THE GRAY PANTHERS WHEN HE STATED THAT THE NEED
FOR EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF HUMAN SERVICES AND
APPROPRIATE FUNDING IS CRITICAL. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO
ADD THAT THE WAY IN WHICH THE BUDGET PROCESS IS LAID
OUT SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES IS NOT PERCEIVED ON THE SAME LEVEL AS
PUBLIC SAFETY. AND -- AND, YOU KNOW, FOR MANY OF US IT
NOT TRUE. WE NEED IT, WE NEED HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, IT'S A LIFE LINE TO MANY OF US, THANK YOU
VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU, MARGARITE.

ADRIENNE MOORE. TO BE FOLLOWED BY ROBIN CRAVEVY,
FOLLOWED BY MARGARET HINKELS.

MR. MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME
IS ADRIENNE MOORE.

I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON COUNCIL OF AT-RISK YOUTH. I
WANT TO INTRODUCE VERY QUICKLY TWO PEOPLE, ONE
CHAIRMAN OF OUR BOARD, MR. BOB KING BACK HERE IN THE
BACK. ANOTHER IS WILLIAM, A FRIEND AND A MEMBER OF
THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD. THE COUNCIL ON AT RISK
YOUTH HAS THE MISSION OF HELPING YOUTH PROMOTE
SAFE SCHOOLS, SAFE COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE A FIVE YEAR
HISTORY OF CONDUCTING VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND
DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS TO AT-RISK KIDS IN
AUSTIN. WHEN WE SAY AT-RISK, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
KIDS WHO ARE AT RISK OF GETTING INTO OUR CRIMINAL
JUSTICE SYSTEM. BASED UPON DEMONSTRATED BEHAVIOR
IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS. WE ARE -- WE ARE VERY
SUPPORTIVE OF THE BUDGET REQUESTS. FOR HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES. WE HAVE CONCERNS, HOWEVER, ABOUT
SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR THESE AT-RISK KIDS WHO
ARE IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS WHO AGAIN WE KNOW ARE

GOING INTO CRIMINAL JUSTICE. THIS LAST YEAR, WE HAD 10,000 SCHOOL BEHAVIORAL SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS. IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. THERE'S A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THOSE KIDS BEING IN TROUBLE IN SCHOOLS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE BECAUSE AT THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME, WE HAD 10,000 COMMITMENTS, SENTENCES TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY JAIL. WITHIN TWO OR THREE OR FOUR YEARS, THESE ARE THE KIDS WHO GROW UP, BECOME 17 YEARS OF AGE AND GO INTO CRIMINAL JUSTICE. WE NEED TO INVEST IN THESE KIDS. WE NEED MORE INTERVENTION, RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS. CAREY HAS FOR FIVE YEARS OPERATED IN CONJUNCTION WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT OUT AT THE BEHAVIORAL ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTER. WE ARE FOCUSING ON KIDS WHO ARE AGGRESSIVE, ABUSIVE, ASSAULTIVE TOWARDS OTHER STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. WE HAVE SERVED OVER THAT FIVE YEAR PERIOD OF TIME ABOUT 1500 KIDS. WE HAVE MASTER'S LEVEL STAFF PERSONS. WE USE A SCIENCE BASED PROGRAM THAT GETS PROVEN RESULTS. ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL. AND WE HAVE SOME EXCELLENT EVALUATION RESULTS, WE HAVE FOR THIS FIVE YEAR PERIOD OF TIME BEEN FUNDED BY FOUNDATIONS, BY CORPORATIONS, BY INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, A VERY NICE FEDERAL GRANT OF -- OF A QUARTER MILLION. IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. WE BROUGHT IN MORE THAN \$500,000 IN CASH AND IN IN-KIND SERVICE THAT'S WE PROVIDED TOWARD WORKING WITH AT-RISK KIDS. WE ARE THE ONLY SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY IN AUSTIN WHO -- WHO DEVOTES 100% OF OUR RESOURCES TO WORKING WITH KIDS WHO ARE IN DISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS AND AT-RISK KIDS WHO ARE ONCE AGAIN GOING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE. [BUZZER SOUNDING] WE HAVE APPROACHED THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AND WE ARE GOING TO BE IN THEIR BUDGET. THEY HAVE ASKED US TO APPROACH THE CITY. WE ARE REQUESTING YOUR SUPPORT. WE KNOW THIS IS A LITTLE LATE IN THE GAME. WE MET WITH SEVERAL OF YOU, WE HAVE MET WITH STAFF. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW UP SOON. OUR FUTURE HAS TO DO WITH AUSTIN KIDS. SO HELP US TO INVEST IN THESE KIDS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU, MR. MOORE. ROBIN CRAVEVY. POOR ROBIN HE WAS HERE AT 6:00, ASKED ME IF WE WERE GOING TO DO BUDGET HEARINGS BEFORE LIVE MUSIC. WE WILL WELCOME HIM BACK TWO WEEKS FROM NOW. MARGARET HINKELS. HELLO, WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY ALLEN ROBINSON OR LEON BARISH.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR. MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCILMEMBERS. I'M MARGARET HINKELS WITH THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. I'M CARRYING THE GOOD WISHES OF OUR BOARD TO ALL OF YOU. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE LIBRARY. AND WE FEEL AS IF WE ARE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD HAVING A GREAT LIBRARY SYSTEM WITH YOUR HELP. WE HAVE BEEN A LITTLE STUCK FOR A FEW YEARS. AND I'M HOPING THAT PRETTY SOON WHEN I COME VISIT YOU IN THE NEXT DECADE ANYWAY, WE WILL BE SAYING THAT WE'LL BE -- I'LL BE WALKING OVER FROM THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY AND IT WILL BE JUST DOWN THE STREET. BUT BEFORE WE GET THERE, WE NEED TO TAKE THE STEPS THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET IS GOING TO GIVE US THIS YEAR. WE NEED TO RESTORE THE BRANCH HOURS. SO THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CAN MAKE FULL USE OF THE GREAT RESOURCE THAT WE HAVE NOW. AND THE OTHER IMPORTANT PIECE OF THAT IS RESTORING THE STAFF POSITIONS. SO THAT THE STAFF CAN DO WHAT IT DOES BEST. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. HINKELS, FOR ALL THAT YOU ALL DO. ALLEN ROBINSON? LEON BARISH, HELLO, LEON. MARY TEETERS NEXT.

THANK YOU MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. MY NAME IS LEON BARISH, I'M HERE TONIGHT AS PRESIDENT OF FRIENDS OF DEEP EDDY. MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT FRIENDS OF DEEP EDDY WAS FORMED SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO SUPPORT DEEP EDDY POOL. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE FIRST DISCOVERED WAS THAT THERE WAS A BATH HOUSE THERE THAT WAS IN DIRE NEED OF RESTORATION. SO WE STARTED INVESTIGATING THE BATH HOUSE AND WHAT WE COULD DO AND WE STARTED LEARNING MANY INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT THE BATH

HOUSE. AND THE POOL ITSELF. WE LEARNED THAT DEEP EDDY POOL IS THE OLDEST PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. WE LEARNED THAT THE BATH HOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1935, AS THE VERY FIRST WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION PROJECT IN AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY. AND WE LEARNED THAT IT IS A -- IT IS A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF WPA BATH HOUSE ARCHITECTURE. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE WPA DID BACK IN THE '30S WAS THEY BUILT MANY BATH HOUSES AROUND THE COUNTRY AND OUR BATH HOUSE IS CONSIDERED TO BE A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THAT STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE THAT WAS PURSUED AT THE TIME. WE GOT THE BUILDING LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. IT'S -- IT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE TEXAS HISTORIC COMMISSION AND ALSO DESIGNATED AS AN AUSTIN HISTORIC LANDMARK. WE HAVE IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS RAISED ALMOST \$350,000 TOWARDS THE RESTORATION OF THIS BUILDING. WE HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED THE COMPLETE REHABILITATION OF THE ROOF ON THE BUILDING, THANKS TO A GRANT FROM THE AUSTIN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, HERITAGE MARKETING PROGRAM. FRANKLY, WE NEED YOUR HELP. WE ARE CONTINUING TO RAISE MONEY. AND THE REASON WE UNDERTOOK THIS PROJECT WAS BECAUSE WE KNEW THAT THE CITY WAS NOT CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE PROJECT ITSELF, A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, WHEN WE UNDERTOOK THE PROJECT. AS THINGS START TO IMPROVE, FISCALLY FOR THE CITY, WE ARE COMING TO YOU AGAIN, WE NEED YOUR HELP. SO WE ARE ASKING YOU IF YOU CAN LOOK IN THE BUDGET, LOOK AT THE NUMBERS FURTHER IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, AND SEE IF THERE IS A WAY THAT YOU CAN HELP US OUT ON THIS PROJECT AS WE GO FORWARD. WE DO PLAN TO RAISE THE REST OF THE MONEY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. WE'VE TEAMED WITH A CONTRACTOR WHO IS HELPING US OUT AND WHO HAS PUT US IN A POSITION WHERE THEY CAN PROBABLY GET THIS PROJECT DONE FOR CONSIDERABLY LESS MONEY THAN THE CITY COULD DO IT IF THE CITY DID IT AS A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. SO I ASK IF YOU CAN LOOK IN THE BUDGET, LOOK AT THE NUMBERS AND SEE IF YOU CAN COME UP WITH SOME MORE MONEY SO THAT WE CAN KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING. WE HAD THE ROOF DEDICATION JUNE 4th, ANOTHER EVENT COMING UP AUGUST 13th

[BUZZER SOUNDING] AND WE WOULD LIKE ALL OF YOU TO COME. IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO COME JUNE 4th, PLEASE COME AUGUST 13th, FROM 5:00 TO 9:00 AT THE POOL, SEE WHAT WE HAVE DONE WITH THE ROOF. SEE WHAT THE BEAUTIFUL INSIDE OF OF THIS BUILDING LOOKS LIKE, I THINK THAT YOU WILL ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO HELP US OUT IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, LEON. ONCE AGAIN FOR ALL THAT YOU DO. MARY TEETERS WAS HERE EARLIER. LITA WINCHESTER WANTED TO DONATE TIME TO MARY. SHE'S WELCOME TO SPEAK AS WELL IF SHE'S HERE. DANNY SAENZ, DANNY SAENZ, WISHING TO SPEAK. PAT VALLES TRELLAS, KYLE HERZOG, MICHAEL FLOYD. HELLO, HOW ARE YOU, WELCOME? YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU. MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS. I'M MICHAEL FLOYD. I'M HERE REPRESENTING AUSTIN INTERFAITH. AND THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE, LOTS OF PEOPLE FROM AUSTIN INTERFAITH HERE EARLIER TO -- TO STAND WITH ME TONIGHT. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THOSE WHO ARE STILL HERE TO PLEASE STAND AND SHOW THEIR SUPPORT. THANK YOU. WE ARE HERE ON BEHALF OF CAPITAL IDEA. BEFORE WE GO TO THAT, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT ALL OF US AT AUSTIN INTERFAITH ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE IN TERMS OF RESTORING FUNDING TO -- TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AREA. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN A CONCERN OF OURS FOR A LONG TIME. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT THE EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING MADE THERE. ABOUT CAPITAL IDEA, SIX YEARS AGO, THIS -- AUSTIN INTERFAITH PARTNERED WITH THE CITY, THE COUNTY AND WITH VARIOUS BUSINESSES TO CREATE CAPITAL IDEA. WHICH IS A JOB TRAINING PROGRAM THAT HELPS PARTICIPANTS OBTAIN TRAINING THAT REALLY WORKS BECAUSE IT'S FOR JOBS THAT ACTUALLY EXIST. IT STARTS AT A LIVING WAGE WITH BENEFITS AND OPENS UP A CAREER PATH FOR THE PEOPLE WHO TAKE THOSE JOBS. THE SUPER SUPERIORITY HAS PROVED ITSELF AGAIN WITH SUCCESS AFTER SUCCESS. CAPITAL IDEA IS GAINING NATIONAL RECOGNITION. IT WILL BE FEATURED IN THE MAGAZINE AT THE ASPEN SUBSTITUTE IN AN UPCOMING -- INSTITUTE IN AN UP COMING ISSUE. THE SUCCESS IS THERE, CAPITAL IDEA HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE

EXPANDING NEED. THE REASON FOR THAT IS THAT TWO YEARS AGO, WE WERE FACED WITH THE NEED FOR MASSIVE BUDGET CUTS. CAPITAL IDEA CAME IN, RECOGNIZED THAT -- THAT A CUT WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN, NEGOTIATED, AND WITH THIS CREATIVE FINANCING TOOK EVEN MORE OF A CUT AND SAVED THE CITY \$100,000, AND AT THE SAME TIME NOT CUT BACK I WAS SERVICES. CREATIVE FINANCING, CREATIVE FRUGALITY. HOWEVER AS A RESULT OF THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND, THERE'S A LONG WAITING LIST, THERE ARE NOW 62 PEOPLE ON THE WAITING LIST. QUALIFIED AND HOPING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER THE PROGRAM. IN VIEW OF THE GROWING NEED FOR THE SERVICES OF CAPITAL IDEA IN ORDER TO SHORTEN THIS WAITING LIST, WE ARE HERE TO ASK THAT THE CITY REINVEST \$50,000 OF THE \$100,000 THAT WE ACCEPTED THE CITY TO SAVE TWO YEARS AGO. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS INVESTMENT WILL MORE THAN PAY FOR ITSELF IN BENEFITS TO THE CITY WORKFORCE, TO THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE THEREFORE URGE YOU TO MAKE THIS INVESTMENT IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OTHER PEOPLE HERE WITH ME WHO WILL SPEAK TO DIFFERENT ASPECT OF THAT PROPOSAL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU MR. FLOYD.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, I'M MIKE HANEY THE CHAIR OF CAPITAL IDEA. THANK YOU CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. I WILL BE VERY BRIEF. I HAVE BEEN WITH CAPITAL IDEA SINCE '98. THE FIRST THING THAT I WANT TO SAY IS THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GETTING US STARTED IN 1998 WHEN I GOT INVOLVED AS A VOLUNTEER, IT'S BEEN A TREMENDOUS EXPERIENCE, THE BEST THING ABOUT IT IS IT TAKES PEOPLE OUT OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR WELFARE, PUTS THEM INTO JOBS WITH A FUTURE. MAKING THEM TAXPAYERS FOR THE CITY AND ROLE MODELS FOR THEIR FAMILIES. I COULDN'T THINK OF ANY BETTER ACTIVITY TO BE INVOLVED IN AS A VOLUNTEER IN A NON-PROFIT. WE HAVE A WAITING LIST OF ABOUT 62 PEOPLE RIGHT NOW. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE CITY TO DO IS RESTORE HALF OF THE \$100,000 THAT WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE BUDGET TWO YEARS AGO AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO INCREASE OUR -- OUR DIVERSITY OF FUNDING SO THAT WE CAN GET MATCHING

FUNDS FOR THAT MONEY AND THAT WOULD ENABLE US TO PUT 10 MORE PEOPLE IN THE PROGRAM, DOUBLE THAT WITH THE MATCHING AND WE INTEND TO MAKE THE SAME ASK OF TRAVIS COUNTY. SO THANK YOU AGAIN VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT, IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM. AND YOU HAVE BEEN KEY TO US FROM THE BEGINNING AND ARE STILL KEY TO US NOW. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.

THANK YOU, MICHAEL, MICHELLE WALKER PERHAPS, WELCOME.

GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS MICHELLE WALKER, I GRADUATED FROM CAPITAL IDEA IN DECEMBER OF 2001. WITH AN LVN LICENSE. FOUR YEARS AGO, I WAS WORKING A FULL-TIME JOB, TAKING CARE OF MY SON AND IT JUST WAS NOT ENOUGH. I DECIDED TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL. AND I WAS PREPARED TO WORK A SECOND JOB TO FINISH SCHOOL WHEN I HEARD OF CAPITAL IDEA THROUGH A FRIEND AS WE WERE STUDYING. AND IT WAS LIKE THE DREAM COME TRUE. THEY PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR ME THAT ENABLED ME TO COMPLETE MY DEGREE AND THEY ALSO PROVIDED COUNSELORS THAT HELPED WITH DECISIONS REGARDING CLASSES AND EVEN JOB PLACEMENT WHEN I GRADUATED. THEY ALWAYS HAD THE ANSWERS THAT I NEEDED. AND WITHOUT CAPITAL IDEA I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. AND I WOULD PROBABLY STILL BE IN SCHOOL TAKING ONE CLASS AT A TIME. THAT I WAS -- THAT'S WHAT I WAS DOING BEFORE. BEFORE I HEARD ABOUT THE PROGRAM. NURSING SCHOOL CAN BE VERY STRESSFUL. BUT I DID NOT FEEL LIKE I WAS DOING IT ALONE. THROUGH THE COUNSELORS AND OTHER STUDENTS I WAS ABLE TO FOCUS AND MAKE THE GRADES THAT WERE NECESSARY. AND SINCE I'VE BEEN WORKING AS AN LVN I HAVE SINCE PURCHASED A NEW CAR, WITH AIR CONDITIONING, THAT'S IMPORTANT, IN TEXAS. MOVED INTO A LARGER APARTMENT AND CAN BETTER PROVIDE FOR MY SON. CAPITAL IDEA HAS SERVED ALSO AS A STEPPING STONE TO MOVE FORWARD TOWARDS THE R.N. PROGRAM. I AM CURRENTLY BACK IN SCHOOL AND MY NEXT BIG DREAM IS TO PURCHASE MY OWN HOME. AND I HAVE BATHROOM AND KITCHEN DECORATING BOOKS NOW MAKING PLANS. BUT JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND

IT HAS CHANGED THE LIFE OF ME AND MY SON. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

ACTUALLY, YOU ARE ROXANNE, RIGHT. BEFORE YOU SPEAK, I HAD CALLED A NAME BEFORE YOU GOT INTO CAPITAL IDEA. DANNY NEED TO GET SOME TRANSPORTATION, I CALLED HIS NAME EARLIER, DANNY, WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, I'M DANNY SAENZ, WITH ADAPT OF TEXAS. WE ARE HERE TO COMMENT ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET. THE BIGGEST ISSUE FACING AUSTINITES AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH DISABILITIES IS THE ISSUE OF AFFORDABLE, THE AFFORDABILITY OF HOUSING. TO BE COMPLETELY CLEAR, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT AFFORDABILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH INCOMES OF 30 AND 50% AND BELOW OF MEDIAN INCOME. AUSTIN NEEDS TO CREATE MORE HOUSING AT THIS LEVEL OF AFFORDABILITY. IN RECENT YEARS [INDISCERNIBLE] HAVE BEEN MADE TO SERVE MORE PEOPLE AT OR BELOW THE 30% OF M.F.I. THAT RECOMMENDS DEEPER SUBSIDIES FOR BUILDERS OF THIS KIND OF HOUSING AND A MUCH LONGER LINKAGE OF COMMITMENT TO KEEPING THAT HOUSING AFFORDABLE FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME. EVEN VERY AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS BECOMING UNAFFORDABLE, AT THE SAME TIME THE COMMITMENT TO LOW INCOME AFFORDABILITY WE ARE MAKING IN EXCHANGE FOR THE FUNDING OF 25, 30 YEARS AGO, IT'S RARE TO THE OWNERS WILL KEEP THE BUILDING REALLY AFFORDABLE. AUSTIN NEEDS TO CREATE MORE REALLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE VERY LOW INCOME PEOPLE. PEOPLE ON SSI HAVE INCOMES OF ABOUT \$570 PER MONTH. EVEN IF YOU SPENT ALL OF YOUR MONEY ON HOUSING, YOU CAN'T AFFORD MOST OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ATTENDANTS AND OTHERS WITH PEOPLE -- WHO HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MAKE LESS THAN 5 OR SIX DOLLARS AN HOUR, LESS THAN WORKING AT McDONALD'S. A LADY WHO I GO TO CHURCH WITH, SHE WORKS HARD AND WITH HER -- WORKING WITH HER MOTHER AND SHE CAN'T AFFORD THE HOUSING. WORKING WITH EMPLOYERS IT'S OKAY, BUT IT WILL NOT ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE LOWEST INCOME AUSTINITES. I THINK STEPHANIE WILL GET MORE INTO THIS.

THANK YOU FOR -- FOR YOUR TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, DANNY. WELCOME BACK, ROCKS ROXANNE, SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION.

HI, MY NAME IS ROCKS ANNE TORRES, I'M A GRADUATE, A CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEE WORKING AS AN LVN AT THE ROSEWOOD ZARAGOSA CLINIC. WHEN I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL I LEARNED THAT I WAS PREGNANT. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO. I HAD SEEN MY MOTHER RAISE ME AND MY BROTHER ALL BY HERSELF AND SOMETIMES SHE WORKED DOUBLE SHIFTS JUST FOR US TO BARELY MAKE IT. I DIDN'T WANT THAT FOR ME FOR MY SON AND I ALSO FELT BAD THAT I HAD ADDED THIS TO MY MOTHER'S BURDENS. I WANTED TO GO TO COLLEGE AT A.C.C., BUT I HAD STOPPED THE PROCESS. I COULDN'T SEE HOW I WAS GOING TO BE ABLE TO PAY FOR BOOKS, TUITIONS, FEES, CHILD CARE AND KEEP WORKING TO SUPPORT MY BABY AND TO HELP MY MOTHER. THEN THAT'S WHEN A FRIEND TOLD ME ABOUT CAPITAL IDEA. I HAD ENROLLED FIRST IN CAPITAL IDEA AND THE COLLEGE PREPARATION ACADEMY, A SPECIAL CLASS THAT PREPARED US FOR COLLEGE STUDIES. THEN I HAD TOOK MY PREREQUISITE COURSES, AFTER I HAD ENTERED THE LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE PROGRAM I HAD PASSED THE STATE BOARDS WITH MY LICENSE. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO GO TO SCHOOL FULL-TIME AND BECOME A NURSE IN JUST TWO AND A HALF YEARS WITHOUT CAPITAL IDEA. RIGHT NOW I WOULD EITHER STILL BE IN A SCHOOL ON MY OWN, BARELY TRYING TO MAKE IT OR JUST HAVING A JOB MAKING IT DAY BY DAY. INSTEAD I AM THE FIRST ONE TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE, I AM ABLE TO SUPPORT MY BABY, AND I ALSO HAVE A MOTHER THAT IS PROUD OF ME. I SEE A LOT OF YOUNG WOMEN AT THE CLINIC WHO WERE PREGNANT AND DON'T HAVE HELP FROM THE FATHER OR EVEN ANY TYPE OF FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEM. I AM PROUD THAT THEY LOOK AT ME TO SEE ME AS A ROLE MODEL. THEY ASKED ME HOW I DID IT, I TELL THEM CAPITAL IDEA. THEY SEE THAT THINGS CAN BE DIFFERENT, THEY HOPE THAT THEIR DREAMS CAN COME TRUE, THANK YOU FOR HELPING AND SUPPORTING CAPITAL IDEA.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, ROXANNE, A LOT OF FOLKS IN

ADDITION TO YOUR MOM WHO ARE PROUD OF YOU. FANNY,
ALLAH.

THANK YOU, WELCOME.

THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN. AND MAYOR PRO TEM,
COUNCILMEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE VISION
WITH US. OF CAPITAL IDEA. AND FOR MAKING IT A REALITY. IT
COULDN'T HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT YOUR INPUT AND
YOUR SUPPORT. THE PROGRAM IS PAYING OFF AS YOU CAN
SEE FROM SOME OF THE STORIES THAT WE HAVE HEARD
TONIGHT. WE HAD PEOPLE WHO COULD NOT DREAM OF
GOING TO COLLEGE, OF GETTING A G.E.D., EVEN AND
MOVING ON INTO A LIVING WAGE CAREER. BUT THEY ARE
DOING IT. THEY ARE -- THEY ARE PAYING THEIR BILLS, THEY
ARE ABLE TO LIVE A HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE, THEY ARE
CONTRIBUTED TAXPAYERS, AND THEY ARE AN INSPIRATION
TO MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY AND TO THEIR CHILDREN
WHO, TOO, CAN SEE THAT THAT DREAM CAN BE REALIZED
WITH HARD WORK AND EFFORT. BUT WE STILL HAVE A LOT
TO DO. WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE STILL OUT THERE STRIVING,
TRYING TO FIND OUT HOW THEY CAN GET THAT DONE. WE
STILL HAVE 62 PEOPLE ON A WAITING LIST RIGHT NOW
TRYING TO GET INTO CAPITAL IDEA. WITH YOUR SUPPORT,
WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE, WITH YOUR SINCERE
CONSIDERATION OF OUR REQUESTS, REINVESTING \$50,000
THAT IS BEING REQUESTED SO THAT WE CAN REACH OUT
AND HELP AND SERVE MORE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO
PULL THEMSELVES UP, BECOME INDEPENDENT,
CONTRIBUTING CITIZENS, WE WOULD BE VERY, VERY
APPRECIATIVE. WE ARE ALSO VERY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR
STAYING HERE TONIGHT AND ALLOWING US THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE OUR PLEA TO YOU. THANK YOU
VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, FANNY. JENNIFER MCPHAIL, I THINK
JENNIFER HAD TO LEAVE EARLIER. STEPHANIE THOMAS?
WELCOME, STEPHANIE. YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY RAN OR
KATHY CRANSTON OR DELWIN GOSS.

KATHY AND RON CRANSTON HAD TO LEAVE. MY NAME IS
STEPHANIE THOMAS, ALSO WITH ADAPT OF TEXAS, THANK
YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TONIGHT. I ALSO

WANTED TO SPEAK AND SUPPORT WHAT DANNY HAD SAID ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, REALLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR VERY LOW INCOME PEOPLE. IN ADDITION, WE WANTED TO SPEAK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ENFORCEMENT OF -- OF DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSIBILITY AND FOR FAIR HOUSING. THE AUSTIN TENANTS COUNCIL, WHICH IS ONE OF THE PROGRAMS THAT IS FUNDED THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING IS ONE OF THE BEST PROGRAMS IN THE CITY. YOU HEARD HOW MANY OF THE DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS, OVER HALF OF THEM ARE BASED ON DISABILITY, IT IS A BIG PROBLEM IN OUR CITY TODAY THAT NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO BE INVESTIGATED AND ENFORCED. NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING DOES ITS OWN ENFORCEMENT OF ACCESSIBILITY OF THEIR OWN PROGRAMS AND SADLY THEY STILL NEED TO DO THIS BECAUSE THINGS ARE STILL BEING BUILT AGE ACCESSIBLE WITH -- BUILT INACCESSIBLE WITH CITY FUNDS, THEY ARE CORRECTING THAT PROBLEM, THAT'S A GOOD THING. ADAPT SUPPORTS IN THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW THE -- THE TWO MORE BUILDING INSPECTORS, BUT ALL OF THE BUILDING INSPECTORS NEED TO BE BETTER EDUCATED ABOUT WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSIBILITY. AND IN ADDITION, WE REALLY APPLAUD THE IDEA THAT YOU ALL MIGHT BE ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL 2003 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE TO MAKE IT SIMPLER FOR PEOPLE TO COMPLY BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH LESS DIFFERENT CATEGORIES AND -- AND DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS. WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY ALSO THAT AUSTIN SHOULD NOT PUT MONEY INTO HOUSING THAT IS NOT INTEGRATED. YOU SHOULD NOT BE FUNDING DISABILITY ONLY HOUSING PROJECTS. YOU SHOULD FUND ONLY HOUSING PROJECTS THAT ARE INTEGRATED AND IN FACT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER ADOPTING AND INTEGRATED HOUSING POLICY SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT THE STATE ADOPTED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. SEEN THOUGH THERE'S MONEY FOR SEGREGATED HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THAT'S WRONG AND THAT MONEY CAN BE USED IN AN INTEGRATED WAY AND THE CITY SHOULD WORK HARDER AT THAT. I GUESS THE LAST THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THAT JUST TO RE-EMPHASIZE THE

AFFORDABILITY ISSUE. PEOPLE ARE CAMPING OUT RIGHT NOW TO GET IN LINE TO APPLY FOR SECTION 8 CERTIFICATES THROUGH THE COUNTY. WE HAVE PEOPLE COUNTING -- CAMPING OUT TO GET THAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING. I THINK THE CITY NEEDS TO ALSO LOOK HARD TO SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING MORE THAT CAN BE DONE AND TO EMPHASIZE THE LOWEST INCOME LEVELS BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH IT'S HARD FOR EVERYBODY, IT'S REALLY HARD WHEN YOU ARE DOWN AT THE VERY BOTTOM. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, STEPHANIE, RON OR KATHY CRANSTON. THEY ARE GONE. I THOUGHT THEY WERE. DELWIN GOSS, WELCOME, DO YOU WANT TO ADDRESS US? THREE MINUTES.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF, MY NAME IS DELWIN GOSS, I'M HERE BASICALLY BECAUSE I SAW IN THE NEW CITY BUDGET THAT THE KILL RATE AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER IS GOING UP TO 59%. WHICH IS IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION TO THE NO KILL MILLENNIUM THAT I BELIEVE YOU AND THE TRACK COMMISSIONERS COURT DECIDED TO INSTITUTE SEVERAL YEARS AGO. I'M HERE TO URGE YOU TO DO A COUPLE OF THINGS. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ARE AWARE OF THIS, BUT THE MONEY THAT COMES FROM THE ANIMAL FRIENDLY PLATES FOR WHATEVER REASON DIDN'T GET DISBURSED THIS YEAR FROM THE STATE. THE TWO AGENCIES BEING THE ANIMAL TRUSTEES FROM AUSTIN AND EMANCIPET ARE GOING TO BE HURTING FOR FUNDS. RIGHT NOW EMANCIPET -- I STARTED VOLUNTEERING FOR THEM LAST YEAR WHEN THEY DID ONE DAY A WEEK. THEY HAD FIST FIGHTS AT THE FRONT OF THE LINE, PEOPLE TRYING TO GET THEIR ANIMALS FIXED. THE OTHER THING THAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THAT'S IN LINE WITH THIS NO KILL MILLENNIUM AND THE RISING KILL RATE AT THE SHELTER IS A MANDATORY SPAY AND NEUTER ORDINANCE. I THINK LINDSAY TOUCHED ON THIS EARLIER. KING COUNTY WASHINGTON PASSED A MANDATORY SPAY-NEUTER LAW THERE. I HAVE COPIES OF IS IT THE FROM THAT --

Mayor Wynn: HAND THEM TO THE MAYOR PRO TEM.

HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW THE NUMBERS THAT I HOPE Y'ALL WILL PAY ATTENTION TO. BUT IN A 10 YEAR PERIOD OF TIME, THEIR KILL RATE DROPPED FROM CLOSE TO 2600 ADOPTABLE ANIMALS TO LESS THAN 10. IT MADE THAT MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE. THEIR POPULATION CLIMBED OVER 13 YEARS, THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS COMING THROUGH THEIR SHELTER DROPPED BY ALMOST 45%. THOSE ARE BIG DIFFERENCES, A BIG NUMBER. I KNOW MANDATORY SPAY NEUTER ORDINANCE IS NOT THE MAGIC BULLET THAT WILL KEEP ALL ANIMALS FROM BEING KILLED. BUT IT'S ONE OF THE MAGIC BULLETS THAT DOES WORK. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL KEEP AN OPEN MIND TO THAT WHEN IT COMES BEFORE YOU IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. I WOULDN'T FEEL LIKE IF I DIDN'T SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE LOW COST HOUSING AND CAPITAL IDEA AFTER SITTING OUT THERE IN THE AUDIENCE AND LISTENING TO THOSE FOLKS TALK. I HOPE YOU ALL WILL SERIOUSLY WORK TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I SAW THE OTHER DAY HALF OF AUSTIN'S RESIDENTS MAKE LESS THAN 40,000 A YEAR, CLOSE TO 20 OR AROUND 22% OF AUSTIN'S RESIDENTS MAKE LESS THAN 20,000 A YEAR. THAT -- THOSE ARE SOME SERIOUS NUMBERS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, A \$100,000 HOME IS NOT AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, DELWIN. HELEN [INDISCERNIBLE] HELLO, HELEN, WELCOME, FOLLOWED BY JEFF TRIGGER.

HILLEN VARTY THE DIRECTOR OF FRONT STEPS, WE MANAGE THE AUSTIN RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS AND CO-MANAGE GARDEN TERRACE RESIDENCES. CURRENTLY ARCH IS CLOSED ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY DURING THE DAY. AND WE TURN AWAY ABOUT 30 TO 70 PEOPLE WHO WANT TO GET INTO THE SHELTER EVERY NIGHT. IF WE PUT MATS ON THE FLOOR AT THE SHELTER, WE COULD SLEEP AN ADDITIONAL 70 PEOPLE. SO I'M ASKING COUNCIL TO CONSIDER FUNDING OPENING ARCH FOR WEEKEND DAYS AND MAT SLEEPING EVERY NIGHT. THE FRONT STEP GOES WORKS VERY WELL AND SORT OF SPECIALIZES IN CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PEOPLE. AS YOU KNOW THOSE ARE FOLKS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES OR BOTH. WITH JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE MONEY WE COULD MAXIMIZE THE USE OF THE FACILITY WE HAVE AND CLOSE THE SHELTER GAP. I'M

ESTIMATING BUT I BELIEVE IF THAT -- THAT IF WE CAN PUT MATS ON THE FLOOR, 70 MATS ON THE FLOOR AT NIGHT, WE WILL BE ABLE TO SAY THAT EVERYBODY WHO WANTS SHELTER IN AUSTIN CAN HAVE IT. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. WELCOME, MR. TRIGGER.

Futrell: COUNCIL, FOR WHAT'S IT WORTH. WE ACTUALLY COSTED THAT PROPOSAL OUT WITH SOME ASSISTANCE, I THINK WE HAVE IT DOWN FOR FOUR AND A HALF DIFFERENT POSITIONS THAT IT WOULD TAKE, ABOUT \$160,000 FOR 70 ADDITIONAL SLEEPING SPOTS.

THANK YOU FOR THAT WORK. I'M JEFF TRIGGER, CHAIRMAN OF THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN ALLIANCE AND CHAIR OF ECHO. THE COMMITTEE THAT MANAGES AUSTIN'S 10 YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IS NOT JUST A DREAM OR A SLOGAN, BUT IT'S A PLAN BASED ON STRATEGIES THAT HAVE PROVEN SUCCESSFUL, LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY. ON BEHALF OF -- OF DAA AND ECHO, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNCIL AND STAFF FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PLAN AND OF THE AUSTIN RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS. BOTH VA AND ECHO ALSO SUPPORT OPENING THE AUSTIN RESOURCE CENTER ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY DURING THE DAY? IN A NUTSHELL, THE LAST TIME WE LOOKED, HOMELESSNESS DOESN'T TAKE THE WEEKENDS OFF. BOTH DA AND ECHO SUPPORT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT THE ARCH CAN SLEEP AT NIGHT. I KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ACCOMMODATING PEOPLE OVERNIGHT. AND A 70% INCREASE IN OCCUPANCY THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED WITH THE NUMBERS THAT THE CITY MANAGER POINTED OUT, IS AN INCREASE IN FUNDING THAT'S A VERY WISE INVESTMENT. THE ARCH IS AN ENTRY POINT FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO ESCAPE HOMELESSNESS. THE 10 YEAR PLAN IS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ONLY HOMELESS, BUT ALSO HAVE A DISABLING CONDITION SUCH AS MENTAL ILLNESS OR A SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER. SERVICES FOR THIS POPULATION ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED. THROUGH ARCH AND OTHER SERVICES THAT I HOPE YOU WILL FUND DURING THIS BUDGET, WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE HAS A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME. I LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING

WITH ALL OF YOU MORE IN DEPTH ABOUT THE 10 YEAR PLAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU, MR. TRIGGER. BEVERLY WILLIAMS. BEVERLY WILLIAMS AND MISSY MORGAN. SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. ARE THERE ANY OTHER CITIZENS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US, GIVE ANY OF US PUBLIC INPUT ON THE PROPOSED 2005-2006 BUDGET? WELCOME. JENNIFER.

HI MAYOR, CITY MANAGER TOBY FUTRELL, DAVID SMITH, NEW COUNCILMEMBERS LEE LEFFINGWELL AND JENNIFER KIM AND THANK YOU TO RAUL ALVAREZ FOR TRYING TO SAVE THAT HOUSE IN PEMBERTON HEIGHTS. I'M JENNIFER GAIL CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR. I'M ASKING YOU TO PUT MORE MONEY INTO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. FIVE PERCENT IS NOT NEARLY ENOUGH. WE ARE GIVING 2% TO OUR EMPLOYEES, I THINK THE -- IT'S \$77,000 FOR A POLICE OFFICER IN AUSTIN. FOR THE MEDIAN INCOME, \$77,000 AND WE ARE ONLY TALKING A 5% FUNDING INCREASE IN MHMR. 5% IS RIDICULOUS. THESE PEOPLE ARE -- ARE COUNTING ON US TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN THEY ARE IN THEIR MOST TROUBLED POINT THAT THEY HAVE SOMEONE TO COME TO. PEOPLE DON'T DIE WHEN LIBRARIES ARE CLOSED. BUT SOPHIA KING WOULD STILL BE ALIVE HAD WE HELPED HER IN HER HOUSING COMPLEX. OFFICER COFFEE WOULD NOT HAVE BLOWN HER AWAY WITH HIS PINPOINT ACCURACY, EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN HER QUITE A BIT OF TIME TO ACTUALLY APPEAL THE PERSON SHE WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN THREATENING. WE NEED SOMEONE TO BE AN ONLY BUDS-- OMBUDSWOMAN OR MAN. LET'S SAY ONE OF YOU GUYS ARE HAVING TROUBLE. TOO FRUSTRATED ABOUT BEING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, YOU NEEDED SOMEONE TO CALL, WHO WOULD YOU CALL? LET'S SAY YOU ARE FEELING TIRED, YOU DON'T KNOW WHY. WHO WOULD YOU CALL? LET'S SAY THAT YOU NEED MEDICINE? HOMELESSNESS IS GROWING IN THE CITY. THAT'S A MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM. CLEARLY WE CAN PUT OUT SOME MATS FOR PEOPLE TO LIE ON. NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING DISCRIMINATION CLEARLY SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO KEEP OUR EYE ON. WE ARE GETTING KNOWN FAR AND WIDE FOR THAT AS A PROBLEM. LIBRARIES ALL OVER AUSTIN, WE CAN KEEP SOME OF THEM CLOSED SO THAT OTHERS CAN BE OPENED FOR BETTER STAFF, FOR PERIODICALS AND BOOK PROCUREMENT. SO

LET'S KEEP OUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT. AND IF YOU EVER NEED ANY HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY, WE WILL BE THERE. LET'S KEEP AN EYE ON THE PARKS, WE CAN GET VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MAKE SURE THAT OUR PARKS ARE MAINTAIN, THEY ARE NOT BEING MAINTAINED. THAT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY ADMINISTRATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CITY COUNCIL.

THANK YOU, MS. GALE, ANY OTHER CITIZENS THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US, GIVE US FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSED '05-'06 BUDGET? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGAIN, WE HAVE THESE PUBLIC FORUMS AVAILABLE, PUBLIC HEARINGS AVAILABLE POSTED FOR NO LATER -- NO EARLIER THAN 6:00 P.M. FOR EACH OF THE NEXT THREE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND APPRECIATE Y'ALL'S PATIENCE WAITING TONIGHT AND THE FEEDBACK THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US. THANK YOU. COUNCIL, WE HAVE A COUPLE MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS WE NEED TO HOLD TONIGHT. ITEMS 43 AND 44, 45 AND 46. LET'S TAKE THEM IN ORDER. ITEM 43 RELATES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. 43, I'M SORRY, PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF CHAPTER 9.3 RELATED TO JUVENILE DAY AND NIGHTTIME CURFEWS. BRIEF PRESENTATION PERHAPS? MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M DAVID DOUGLAS WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT, THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE COMMENT FROM ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO SPEAK AND TO HAVE A DISCUSSION CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF CHAPTER 9-1 IN THE CITY CODE WHICH IS ENTITLED NON-EMERGENCY CURFEWS. IT APPLIES TO MINORS, PERSONS UNDER 17 YEARS OLD. THERE ARE SEVERAL TYPES OF CURFEWS THAT APPLY IN THE CITY. THE DAYTIME CURFEW DURING SCHOOL HOURS, WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION. CITY-WIDE. NIGHTTIME CURFEWS CITY-WIDE AND WITH PARTICULAR HOURS IN CERTAIN SPECIFIC AREAS OF TOWN. STATE LAW, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, REQUIRES THAT EVERY THIRD YEAR CITY COUNCIL MUST REVIEW THE EXISTENCE AND THE CONTINUATION OF A JUVENILE CURFEW AND CONTINUE IT OR MODIFY IT OR ABOLISH AND IF IT'S NOT CONTINUED OR MODIFIED THEN IT AUTOMATICALLY EXPIRES. I BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PROVIDED SOME INFORMATION AND BACKUP WHEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS COM FILED WHICH DOCUMENTS JUVENILE CRIME RATES, KVUE NICE

VICTIMIZATION RATES. THE CURFEW ORDINANCE HAS TWO PURPOSES. THAT IS TO PROTECT JUVENILES FROM BEING VICTIMS OF CRIME AND ALSO PREVENT THEM FROM BECOMING INVOLVED IN CRIME. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS PRESENTED YOU INFORMATION WHICH RECOMMENDS THE CONTINUATION AS WRITTEN OF THE CURFEW ORDINANCES. THAT ARE ON THE BOOKS IN CHAPTER 9.3 AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS I'LL BE HAPPY TO TRY TO ANSWER OR -- ASSISTANT CHIEF RICK COY IS ALSO PRESENT AND COULD ANSWER QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. DOUGLAS, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? WE HAVE I THINK JENNIFER GALE, WELCOME. YOU ARE TOM CITIZEN WISHING TO SPEAK.

GOOD EVENING, COUNCILMEMBERS. CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, I'M JENNIFER GALE, CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR. WHAT THIS COMES DOWN IS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ASKING US TO INCARS RATE OUR CHILDREN OVER THE TIME THEY ARE IN SCHOOL OR AFTER 10:00. I BELIEVE THAT'S THE TIME. WHERE A CHILD LOSES THEIR FREEDOM TO MOVE FREELY. AND WHERE AN OFFICER CAN ACT UPON THAT CHILD. WE ARE TAKING AWAY A CHILD'S FREEDOM WHEN WE DO THIS. WE CAN ALLOW THEM MORE FREEDOM IF WE GIVE THEM AN OUTLET, A PLACE TO GO, WHERE THEY CAN ENGAGE IN SPORTS, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ARE HEALTHY. AND A PLACE WHERE THEY KNOW THAT THEY -- THAT THEY CAN GET SCHOOLING. SOME CHILDREN ARE HOME SCHOOLED. AND CAN RUN INTO PROBLEMS WITH THE -- WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT HERE IN AUSTIN. AND WOULD -- WE DON'T NEED TO PUT THEM THROUGH THAT, ESPECIALLY WITH OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT BEING AS THE. I'M ASKING THAT WE NOT PUT THIS BACK INTO PLACE. I'M SORRY, CONTINUE IT. SO THAT -- THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY LIVING UP TO THE -- TO THE CREATIVE ART CONSTITUTION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JENNIFER. ARE THERE ANY OTHER CITIZENS THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CURFEWS? HEARING NONE, THE -- QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OF COUNCIL? OF STAFF? I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND

APPROVE THE CONTINUATION, IF THAT'S THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL, OF CHAPTER 9-3 RELATED TO CURFEWS.

Thomas: SECOND.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THIS CONTINUATION, FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. COUNCIL, A COUPLE OF QUICK WATERSHED PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT HEARINGS. NO CITIZENS SIGNING UP ON EITHER CASE. 44-45, 46.

WELCOME.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY MANAGER, COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS SUSAN WALKER, WITH THE ZONING REVIEW DIVISION OF WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW. I'M HERE BEFORE YOU ON BEHALF OF THE SIGN REVIEW BOARD REQUEST TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 25-10, THE SIGN REGULATIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO REMOVE LANGUAGE IN SUBSECTION 25-10-43 B THAT ALLOWS THE AUTOMATIC APPROVAL OF A SIGN REVIEW BOARD VARIANCE APPLICATION IF THE SIGN REVIEW BOARD DOES NOT ACT ON THE VARIANCE REQUEST BEFORE THE 46th DAY AFTER THE VARIANCE IS FILED AND REPLACE IS WITH A NEW SUBSECTION B TO READ AS FOLLOWS: THE SIGN REVIEW BOARD SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE NOT LATER THAN THE 45th DAY AFTER THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS FILED. THIS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT WILL MAKE THE LANGUAGE IN THE SIGN ORDINANCE REGULATIONS CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION 25-1, 214 A WHICH STATES THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OR LAND USE COMMISSION AS APPLICABLE SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE NOT LATER THAN THE 45th DAY AFTER THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS FILED. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT GRANT

AUTOMATIC APPROVAL OF THE VARIANCE IF THE APPROPRIATE COMMISSION IS UNABLE TO ACT BY THE 45th DAY. I WILL BE AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. WALKER, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? AGAIN ANY CITIZENS THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US REGARDING THIS PUBLIC HEARING RELATING TO SIGN REGULATIONS? THANK YOU, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

Leffingwell: MAYOR I'LL MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE REQUEST TO DELETE THE LANGUAGE FOR AUTOMATIC APPROVAL.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THIS AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

ITEM NO. 45, A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A VARIANCE REQUEST BY MITCHELL AND JAN DAVIS TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE FAMILY HOUSES IN THE 25 AND 100 YEAR FLOODPLAINS OF BOGGY CREEK AND CLIFFORD AVENUE. AT LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 BLOCK A OF THE PROPOSED Z LOFT SUBDIVISION. IT'S LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND CLIFFORD AVENUE. BY THE WAY I AM GARY COSET, AN ENGINEER IN WATERSHED PROTECT. WE REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM UNTIL AFTER PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERATION OF A RECENTLY DISCOVERED ZONING RESTRICTIVE COVENANT ON THIS PROPERTY. AND CONSIDERATION OF A VARIANCE TO CRITICAL WATER QUALITY ZONE, WE WILL BRING -- WE PROPOSE TO BRING THIS ITEM BACK TO YOU ON SEPTEMBER 1st.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT BY STAFF TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 2005. NO CITIZENS SIGNED UP

WISHING TO SPEAK. ANY CITIZENS THAT ARE HERE WISHING TO ADDRESS US ON THIS POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 45? IF NOT THEN COUNCIL I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR A POSTPONEMENT TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2005. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken, I'LL SECOND. FURTHER COMMENT? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. I APOLOGIZE, WE COULD HAVE DONE THAT SIX HOURS AGO. WELL, NO CITIZENS ARE HERE WAITING. ITEM 46?

ITEM 46 IS CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A VARIANCE REQUEST BY GRAYSTAR MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-FAMILY STRUCTURE WITH PARKING GARAGE IN THE 25 YEAR FLOODPLAIN OF WALLER CREEK AT 901 RED RIVER STREET. THIS IS A VARIANCE REQUEST TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE WITH PARKING GARAGE IN THE 2500 YEAR FLOODPLAIN OF WALLER CREEK AT 901 RED RIVER STREET. THE PROPERTY IS DOWNTOWN, IT'S THE SITE OF THE FORMER REDDY ICE PLANT. THE EXISTING ICE PLANT BUILDINGS ARE WITHIN THE 25 YEAR AND 100 YEAR FLOODPLAINS OF WALLER CREEK. YOU CAN SEE ON THE SLIDE. AND WILL BE REMOVED UNDER THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN. THE BUILDINGS WILL BE DEMOLISHED. THE PROPOSAL CLIFFS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-LEVEL PARKING GARAGE STRUCTURE BELOW A FOUR STORY, MULTI-STORY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING. PARKING STRUCTURE WILL BE PLACED BELOW THE 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WILL BE PROTECTED BY A FLOOD WALL, CONCRETE WALL. AND AN ELEVATED STRUCTURE PROPOSED ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE SITE ON PIERS, THE FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATION AND STRUCTURE WILL BE THREE FEET ABOVE THE 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN ELEVATION FOR 76.6 FEET. THE APPLICANT PROPOSES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING GARAGE ON THE WESTERN PORTION OF SITE WITH THE CONCRETE WALL FACING THE CREEK. THE WALL WOULD BE DESIGNED TO CONTAIN THE 25 AND 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN OF WALLER CREEK. THE APPLICANT'S ENGINEER HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE

WILL BE NO ADVERSE IMPACT. AND THE WATER SURFACE ELEVATION WILL ACTUALLY DECREASE SOME .3 OF A FOOT BECAUSE THESE STRUCTURES, THE ICE PLANTS WILL BE REMOVED. OUR OFFICE, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THIS VARIANCE REQUEST. FOR THE -- WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND UNDERSTANDINGS: THE -- THE PARKING GARAGE MUST BE FLOOD PROOFED BECAUSE IT'S BELOW THE 100 YEAR WATER SURFACE ELEVATION. WE ARE STILL -- WE STILL NEED CUT AND PHILOSOPHICALATIONS FROM -- CUT AND FILL CALCULATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE CUT EXCEEDS THE FILL IN THE FLOODPLAIN AND WE NEED THE FLICT TO DEDICATE A -- THE APPLICANT TO DEDICATE A DRAINAGE EASEMENT TO THE PERIMETER OF THE INSTRUCT AND ITS ROOF LINE WITHIN THE 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN. THAT'S MY COMMENTS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL. ONE CITIZEN SIGNED UP NOT WISHING TO SPEAK, IN FAVOR, JULIE FITCH. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS WITH SOME CONDITIONS, MY INSTINCT THOSE WOULD BE VERY ACCEPTABLE TO THE OWNER. FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? IF NOT I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM NO. 46. ANYBODY ELSE LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON ITEM 46, A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE? THANK YOU. COUNCIL?

[INDISCERNIBLE]

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE VARIANCE WITH CONDITIONS AS OUTLINED BY STAFF. APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FROM THE VARIANCE. SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, I THINK THAT LEAVES US WITH ITEM NO. 8. WHICH -- WHICH I THINK THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN SOME LEGAL ADVICE ABOUT. ITEM NO. 8 IS APPROVE A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE THAT THE CITY

COUNCIL WILL ADOPT A FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 AD VALOREM TAX RATE. MY UNDERSTANDING IS SETTING A RATE THAT -- THAT ON THAT DATE WHEN THE -- WHEN THE RATE IS SET, IT WON'T BE EXCEEDED. IF THAT MAKES SENSE. NODDING HIS HEAD. ESSENTIALLY OUR BACK UP HAS A SIMPLE RESOLUTION WITH A COUPLE OF BLANKS IN IT. THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED TO US, IN BACKUP READS: THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED MAXIMUM AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF BLANK, THE FIRST TO BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 25th, 2005. AND THE SECOND, 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 2005. HERE IN THE CITY HALL. AND THEN BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT FISCAL YEAR '05-'06 AD VALOREM TAX RATE, DIDN'T SAY THIS, BUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR BUDGET, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12th, TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13th, AND/OR WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14th, 2005. COUNCIL, THE -- THE QUESTION BEFORE US AND I AM TRYING TO DOWN PLAY THIS IN PART BECAUSE WHAT -- BECAUSE OF SOME LEGISLATION THAT WAS PASSED RELATIVELY RECENTLY, IT HAS CHANGED THE WAY WE HAVE NORMALLY GONE ABOUT THIS IN THAT WE WOULD SIMPLY HAVE A PROPOSED BUDGET FROM OUR CITY MANAGER AND THEN WE WOULD CONDUCT SEVERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF AUGUST AND THEN WE WOULD COME TOGETHER AND PUBLIC -- IN PUBLIC SESSION OBVIOUSLY AND VOTE ON A BUDGET AND THE CORRESPONDING TAX AD VALOREM TAX RATE THAT WOULD FUND THAT BALANCED BUDGET. AFTER RECENT LEGISLATION, WE NOW MUST -- MUST DECLARE WHAT THAT RATE MAY BE IN ADVANCE OF THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT ARE HELD THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF AUGUST. AND SO -- BUT STATE LAW IS VERY SPECIFIC THAT IF WE DECLARE A RATE, WE CAN'T VOTE FOR A HIGHER AD VALOREM TAX RATE WHEN THAT FINAL VOTE OCCURS. SO THE FUNDAMENTAL DYNAMICS IS THAT IT SETS THE STAGE FOR -- FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, IN THIS CASE THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO POST A RATE THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE VERY, VERY COMFORTABLE THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO EXCEED, BECAUSE THEN WE HAVE TO GO BACK AND START ALL OF THIS -- START THIS ALL OVER AGAIN AND NOT GET A BUDGET DONE PRIOR TO THE END OF OUR FISCAL YEAR. BUT IT SETS THE DYNAMIC, OF COURSE, FOR A RATE THAT

COULD BE DECLARED WITH THIS SIMPLE ACTION, BUT THAT COME SEPTEMBER 12 THROUGH 14 WHEN WE APPROVE OUR BUDGET AN THE FINAL AD VALOREM TAX RATE IT COULD BE LOWER. THE EXERCISE HERE IS TO CHOOSE THE RATE THAT WE ARE ASSURED NOT TO EXCEED, RECOGNIZING THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO APPROVE A RATE HERE IN A LITTLE OVER A MONTH THAT COULD BE LOWER THAN WHAT WE POST TODAY. SO ... WITH THAT, I OPEN IT UP FOR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. ITEM NO. 8. WE HAD A SLIGHT ADJUSTMENT THAT CAME FROM THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY SIDE. IT'S A VERY TINY PIECE OF OUR TOTAL TAX ROLL, BUT I BELIEVE IT DROPPED IT TO 43.19. EXCUSE ME, COME ON UP. CORRECT AND BE SURE.

CITY MANAGER TOOK IT FROM 4319 TO 4320.

ALL RIGHT. GOT IT.

Kim: OKAY. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE I WAS READING THIS RIGHT. I WAS TAKING A LOOK AT THE CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS, AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE FEELING A SQUEEZE IN TERMS OF THE COST OF LIVING HERE IN AUSTIN, AND A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE TO OWN A HOME IN AUSTIN BECAUSE OF OUR HIGH PROPERTY TAX RATES. JUST THE FACT THAT PEOPLE FROM ALL INCOME LEVELS, FROM THE LOWER CLASS TO MIDDLE CLASS, WORKING FAMILIES, SENIOR CITIZENS, SINGLE PROFESSIONALS. AND I THINK WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO TRY AND MAINTAIN THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE AND TO JUST WORK HARD TO BALANCE A BUDGET, PUT AS MUCH AS WE CAN INTO THE ADD BACKS, BUT REMAIN AT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE. WE CAN RAISE MORE REVENUE, I BELIEVE, BY ENCOURAGING MORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, PUTTING MORE PROPERTY ON TO THE TAX ROLLS. THERE'S TREMENDOUS DEMAND FOR HOMES THAT ARE AFFORDABLE AND WE CAN WORK, CONTINUE TO WORK SUCH AS WITH THE ONE STOP SHOP, OTHER EFFORTS WITH REGULATIONS AND WORKING WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND LOW INCOME HOUSING ADVOCATES AS WELL AS DEVELOPERS TO SHORTEN THE TIME IT TAKES TO DEVELOP HOUSING. AND WHEN WE DO THAT WE WILL HAVE MORE UNITS ON THE TAX ROLLS AND WE CAN CONTROL THE RISE OF PROPERTY TAXES AT THE

SAME TIME. SO I WOULD MOVE FOR ADOPTING THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR DISCUSSION FOR THE NEXT COMING MONTHS AS THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE.

Mayor Wynn: WE HAVE A MOTION FROM COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO ADOPT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF 43.20 AS THE MAXIMUM AD VALOREM TAX RATE.

Dunkerley: WAS IT A MOTION OR JUST DISCUSSION?

Kim: IT'S A MOTION.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION. I'LL SECOND THAT FOR DISCUSSION. COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

Dunkerley: I HAVE A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON THIS. WE MAY HAVE HIGH APPRAISALS, BUT WE DON'T HAVE A HIGH PROPERTY TAX RATE. WE HAVE THE VERY LOWEST OF ANY MAJOR CITY IN TEXAS. ALMOST HALF THE AMOUNT OF FORT WORTH, AND A GOOD BIT, SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN DALLAS OR HOUSTON OR EVEN SAN ANTONIO. I THINK THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF NEEDS, AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO BEGIN TO MEET SOME OF THOSE NEEDS, SO MY SUGGESTION AND MY SUBSTITUTE MOTION WOULD BE TO COME IN AND SET THIS MAXIMUM RATE AT OUR CURRENT NOMINAL RATE, KNOWING THAT WE MAY WELL DECIDE TO COME IN LOWER THAN THAT. IF WE WERE TO SET IT AT THE EFFECTIVE RATE, IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU ANY WIGGLE ROOM. IF YOU DECIDE TO -- THAT THERE ARE SOME NEEDS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO COME ABOVE THAT RATE. SO I JUST THINK IT'S MUCH SAFER TO SET IT AT NOMINAL AND THEN SEE WHAT WE CAN WORK THROUGH AND SEE IF WE CAN COME BELOW THAT. SO THAT WOULD BE MY SUBSTITUTE MOTION.

Mayor Wynn: THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY TO ADOPT AS THE MAXIMUM AD VALOREM TAX RATE THE NOMINAL RATE, THAT IS, OUR EXISTING RATE, THE 44.30, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCracken. I'M SORRY.

McCracken: THAT'S FINE.

Mayor Wynn: DISCUSSION? COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: IT IS REALLY LATE. IT'S AFTER 11:00 O'CLOCK, AND FOR US TO BE HAVING A DISCUSSION ON TAX RATE, I DON'T THINK IT'S THE RIGHT TIME, BUT WE DO NEED TO DO THIS BECAUSE OF THE TIME SENSITIVE NATURE OF THIS. BUT AGAIN LOOKING AT THE CITIZENS SURVEY, IT'S CLEAR TO ME IF YOU LOOK AT FOR EXAMPLE THE RESIDENTS OF THE CENTRAL EAST SIDE, THEY DETERMINED THAT HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR THEM THAN AREAS IN NORTHWEST AUSTIN. AND I THINK THAT'S BECAUSE THEY ARE AFFECTED DISPROPORTIONATELY BY THE LARGE INCREASES IN THE VALUATIONS THAN OTHER PARTS OF AUSTIN, THEREFORE IT IS A REGRESSIVE TAX INCREASE THAT WE ARE IMPOSING ON PEOPLE. I DON'T THINK THE NOMINAL TAX RATE IS WHAT WE SHOULD BE WORKING DOWN FROM IN THIS BUDGET DISCUSSION, BUT I WOULD BE OPEN TO A COMPROMISE OF THE PROPOSED TAX RATE THE CITY MANAGER HAS FOR DISCUSSION AS A MAXIMUM.

McCracken: MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: YEAH. I AM PRETTY LOCKED IN ON NOMINAL. WE HAVE -- THIS FORCES A COMMUNITY TO BALANCE THE BUDGET THE LAST FEW YEARS. WE DID IT RESPONSIBLY, BUT WE HAD TO BALANCE THE BUDGET ON THE BACKS OF KIDS, ON THE BACKS OF OUR SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS, ON THE BACKS OF OUR PARK SYSTEM. WE'VE HAD TO SHUT LIBRARIES. AND I KNOW THAT MY COLLEAGUE HAS ADVOCATED SPENDING INCREASES AT THE SAME TIME THAT SHE IS PROPOSING THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CUTS TO THE THINGS THAT WE ALL PROFESS TO CARE ABOUT. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO PUT ALL THIS IN CONTEXT. WE HAVE THE LOWEST TAX RATE OF ANY CITY IN THE STATE. WE HAVE NOT OVERTAXED. IF YOU OWN A 100,000-DOLLAR HOUSE IN AUSTIN, YOU PAY A LOWER TAX, PAY LESS IN TAXES THAN

YOU DO IN FORT WORTH-DALLAS, HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO, YOU NAME IT. IF YOU HAVE -- IF YOU OWN A HOME IN AUSTIN, YOU HAVE A LOWER AVERAGE TAX BILL THAN YOU DO IF YOU LIVE IN LEANDER, PFLUGERVILLE -- NOT PFLUGERVILLE, ROUND ROCK, WESTLAKE, LAKEWAY. SO WE HAVE ONE OF THE LOWER AVERAGE TAX BILLS IN THE METRO AREA, WE HAVE THE LOWEST TAX RATE IN THE STATE AMONG THE BIG CITIES. ON TOP OF THAT, TWO YEARS AGO WHEN WE HAD TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CUTS AND CUT HUNDREDS OF JOBS FROM THIS WORKFORCE, IT LEFT US UNABLE TO ENFORCE OUR CITY CODES, FOR INSTANCE. AND WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SAME TIME IS IT STAYED EFFECTIVE AND 82 PERCENT OF BUSINESSES GOT A TAX DECREASE THAT YEAR. IN OTHER WORDS, HOMEOWNERS -- THERE WAS A MASSIVE SHIFT IN THE TAX BURDEN TO HOMEOWNERS AND AWAY FROM BUSINESSES. THIS YEAR THE VALUATIONS THAT ARE COMING IN ARE COMING IN FROM BUSINESS VALUATIONS PREDOMINANTLY. SO THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHIFT THE TAX BURDEN AWAY FROM HOMEOWNERS AND BACK TO BUSINESSES. IF WE GO TO EFFECTIVE, WHAT WE WILL DO IS WE WILL LOCK IN THAT SHIFT OF TAX BURDEN ON TO HOMEOWNERS. AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S FAIR FOR BUSINESSES. YOU'VE GOT 82% OF THEM WHO GOT A TAX CUT TWO YEARS AGO IN A DOWNTIME AND HAD THE BURDEN FALL ON HOMEOWNERS TO GET TO KEEP THAT TAX CUT LOCKED IN AT THE EXPENSE OF HOMEOWNERS. FINALLY LET'S TALK ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EFFECTIVE AND NOMINAL TAX RATES. WHAT IT REALLY MEANS ABOUT BEING REGRESSIVE OR NOT. WHAT IT WOULD MEAN IS THAT SOME FOLKS -- BY THE WAY, NOT EVERYBODY, BUT A FEW FOLKS WHO PAY -- WOULD HAVE -- THE COST OF A STARBUCKS COFFEE ONCE A MONTH. AND FOR THAT THEY GET THE PARKS, THEY HAVE KIDS WHO DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO AFTER SCHOOL, THEY HAVE SOMEBODY TO GO AFTER SCHOOL, THEY WOULD HAVE MENTORS, THEY WOULD HAVE LIBRARIES OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK, THEY WOULD HAVE THE ROADS MAINTAINED. AND THEY WOULD LIVE IN A COMMUNITY THAT ROSE TO THE LEVEL THAT WE REALLY HOPE AUSTIN TO BE, AND WHICH WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD TO DO BECAUSE WE HAD TO EXERCISE FISCAL PRUDENCE. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE A VERY UNFORTUNATE AND VERY SIGNIFICANT MISSED

OPPORTUNITY FOR US NOT TO RESTORE THE THINGS AND RESTORE THE BUDGET CUTS THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED KIDS, PARKS, LIBRARIES AND ROAD MAINTENANCE. SO I JUST RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH THE POSITION OF GOING TO EFFECTIVE FOR EVEN THE INTERIM. OR EVEN THE INTERIM RATE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS?
COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I'LL ABBREVIATE MY REMARKS AND SAY THAT I VERY STRONGLY ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH COUNCILMEMBER MCCrackEN'S COMMENTS, ALL OF THEM, AND ALSO JUST REITERATE THAT THIS IS A MAXIMUM RATE WE'RE SETTING. AND I THINK IF WE DON'T -- IF WE RESTRICT OURSELVES TO THE EFFECTIVE RATE, WE UNDULY HAVE LIMITED OUR OPTIONS. SO I WILL OBJECT VUSLY STRONGLY SUPPORT -- OBVIOUSLY STRONGLY SUPPORT THE DUNKERLEY MOTION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS?
COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: YES, MAYOR. I TOO -- I MEAN, I THINK THAT WE NEED TO TRY TO GIVE OURSELVES AS MUCH FLEXIBILITY AS POSSIBLE THIS EARLY IN THE PROCESS, AND I THINK THERE'S A TIME FOR THE -- NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO DEBATE WHETHER IT SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE OR NOMINAL OR REALLY WHAT IT SHOULD BE. WHAT WE SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT IS LET'S SELECT A RATE THAT WE KNOW WE'RE GOING TO COME IN BELOW BECAUSE HONESTLY AND TRULY, I PERSONALLY CAN'T SAY THAT I'M GOING TO SUPPORT A SPECIFIC TAX RATE AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME BECAUSE I JUST BARELY STARTED REVIEWING THE BUDGET. SO I MYSELF I THINK THAT THIS IS A YEAR TO ADD BACK SERVICES. THAT'S WHAT THE EXPECTATION IS IN THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE SO MANY SERVICES HAVE BEEN CUT AND IN SO MANY DIFFERENT ARENAS THAT ARE IMPORTANT AND CLOSE TO THE HEARTS OF MANY OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. AND SO I THINK THAT FOR ME IT'S STILL ABOUT LOOKING AT NUTS AND BOLTS, BUT STAYING AT EFFECTIVE, THEN THERE'S STILL A LOT OF NUTS AND BOLTS THAT ARE STILL JUST KIND OF LOOSE OR THAT AREN'T

MAYBE TIED AS TIGHTLY AS THEY COULD BE OR SHOULD BE. AND SO I THINK THAT THAT'S -- THE REASON I'LL SUPPORT NOMINAL IS JUST REALLY TO GIVE US THE MOST FLEXIBILITY. AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? THAT MEANS LET'S LEAVE THE RATE WHAT IT IS RIGHT NOW. THAT'S WHAT NOMINAL MEANS. DON'T CHANGE THE TAX RATE, LEAVE IT THE WAY IT IS. AND SO THAT DOESN'T SEEM OVERLY AGGRESSIVE. I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S WHERE I'LL END UP NECESSARILY, BUT THAT'S WHERE I THINK THE BUDGET PROCESS ITSELF, THAT'S WHERE IT LEADS YOU ONCE YOU LOOK AT WHAT THE PROPOSED ADD BACKS ARE IN TERMS OF THE CITY MANAGER'S BUDGET. IN OUR HEARING TODAY WE HEARD PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT THINGS THAT THEY WANT TO ADD BACK IN ADDITION TO WHAT THE CITY MANAGER HAS RECOMMENDED, AND AGAIN, MY POINT OF VIEW FOR THIS BUDGET IS THAT IT'S STILL FOCUSING ON NUTS AND BOLTS, AND LET'S LOOK AT A LOT OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY TYPES OF ISSUES THAT WE NEED TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES THAT THE COMMUNITY EXPECTS A CITY TO PROVIDE, AND THAT WE CAN'T PROVIDE OR HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE LAST TWO YEARS BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET SITUATION. AND SO LEAVING IT AT NOMINAL I THINK IS -- IS JUST ONE WAY TO GIVE US THE MOST FLEXIBILITY, BUT WHAT THAT REALLY MEANS IS WE'RE LEAVING THE TAX RATE THE SAME. IF IN THE END THAT'S WHERE THE TAX RATE FALLS, THEN WHAT THAT DOES IS LEAVE THE TAX RATE EXACTLY WHERE IT IS RIGHT NOW. AND THE OTHER THING, KIND OF A QUESTION FOR STAFF, IS -- I KNOW THIS HAS TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPERS, SO WHEN WOULD THAT HAVE TO BE PUBLISHED AND ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THE LANGUAGE OF THE NOTICE AND THAT SORT OF THING?

CAN SOMEONE STEP UP AND LET'S TALK ABOUT THE NOTICE PROVISIONS?

Mayor Wynn: JOHN STEPHENS POINTING TO THE CITY ATTORNEY.

EVERYONE POINTING AT SOMEONE ELSE. HERE COMES JENNY.

JENNY GILCHRIST, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY. THE

REQUIRED NOTICE LANGUAGE IS SET OUT IN THE STATUTE IN SENATE BILL 18. COUNCIL WANTS ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE, THEN WE CERTAINLY CAN CIRCULATE IT OR THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE CAN CIRCULATE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR COMMENT.

Mayor Wynn: BUT THE QUESTION WAS WHEN -- THIS APPARENTLY NEEDS TO BE POSTED I GUESS IN NEWSPAPERS.

YES. THE LATEST DATE WE CAN POST IT IS AUGUST 17TH.

Mayor Wynn: AND WE DON'T MEET AGAIN UNTIL THE 18th, WHICH IS JUST AFTER THAT.

AND THE NEW LAW HAS SPECIFIC LANGUAGE THAT DISCUSSES LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. AND THEN WHATEVER THE MAXIMUM PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE OR COULD BE FOR THE COMING --

BUT JENNY, IT DOESN'T PRECLUDE US FROM ADDING ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO IT.

IT DOES NOT.

SO YES, COUNCILMEMBER, WE CAN ADD ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE AND WE CAN CIRCULATE A DRAFT AND GET FEEDBACK FROM THE COUNCILMEMBERS ON WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IN ON WHAT WE CAN POST BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

Alvarez: CAN WE GET THAT EARLY NEXT WEEK?

YES, WE'LL START NEXT WEEK.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO CLARIFY THAT WE MAY HAVE A LOW TAX RATE, BUT WE HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST, IF NOT THE HIGHEST TAX BILL FOR MAJOR CITIES FROM THIS SIZE CITIES IN TEXAS. SO MANY TIMES I'VE HEARD FROM PEOPLE OF HOW THEY ARE FEELING PUSHED OUT OF OUR CITY BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO STAY HERE OR IF THEY

WANT TO BUY A HOME, THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY IN AUSTIN, SO THEY MOVE OUT. AND AS A RESULT WE ARE LOSING OUR TAX BASE, AND WE SEE IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN. WE CAN STILL HAVE THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE AND HAVE ADD BACKS. WE CAN STILL DO PAY FOR PERFORMANCE FOR OUR CITY EMPLOYEES. I PUT IN THE ADD BACKS FOR SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACTS AND SOME OTHER THINGS. WE JUST NEED TO PRIORITIZE AND LOOK AT OTHER WAYS TO DO THAT. BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE SHIFTING THE BURDEN TO PEOPLE WHO ARE FEELING THE MOST PAIN WITH A HIGHER TAX. WHICH IS WHAT -- SOMETHING ABOVE WHAT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE IS, THAT IS A HIGHER TAX RATE. AND IT'S CLEAR FROM WHAT WE WOULD HAVE TO READ ACCORDING TO THE BILL THAT WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE. SO I'M WILLING TO WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT FOR THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, BUT PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT FOR THE PROPOSED TAX RATE THE CITY MANAGER HAS OF 43.2 -- WHAT IS IT? 43.95 CENTS.

McCracken: MAYOR, I'LL RAISE A POINT OF ORDER. THAT IS NOT THE MOTION ON THE TABLE. COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY'S SUBSTITUTE IS ON THE TABLE.

Mayor Wynn: THAT'S CORRECT, WE TECHNICALLY HAVE A SUBSTITUTE ON THE TABLE. LET'S GET MORE COMMENTS.

Thomas: I WON'T BEAT MY COHORT DOWN, BUT I DO SAY THAT TWO YEARS WE DID EFFECTIVE, AND WE WORKED REAL HARD ON THE BUDGET, WE DID A LOT OF CUTBACKS. I THINK WE SAID IT EARLY IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS WHOLE PROCESS, EVEN TALKING ABOUT THIS, THAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER AT LEAST THE MAX, THE NOMINAL SO WE CAN DEAL WITH SOME OF THE ISSUES. BUT I THINK IF WE START IT AT EFFECTIVE, WE'RE REALLY CUTTING OURSELVES SHORT. WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT AS A CITY ENTITY, IT WASN'T JUST US MAKING THE TAX HIGHER, IT WAS OTHER PEOPLE INVOLVED AT THE TABLE. AND I THINK IF PEOPLE KEEP SAYING THAT THEY REALLY OUGHT TO LOOK AT WHAT RAISED THEIR TAXES, NOT JUST THE CITY TAXES. AND AS FAR AS COST OF LIVING, YEAH, IT'S SOMETHING WE ALL NEED TO WORK ON, BUT CAN THE CITY HANDLE THAT? THAT'S AN OVERALL PICTURE THING THAT WE NEED TO

WORK ON THE COST OF LIVING. PEOPLE BUILDING HOUSES IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY, THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO CONSIDER ALSO BECAUSE WHAT TYPE OF HOUSES ARE THEY BUILDING? AND WHEN THEY SAY MOVING PEOPLE OUT OR MAKING THEIR TAX HIGHER AND PEOPLE BUILDING HOUSES IN A CERTAIN AREA OF CENTRAL EAST THAT ARE MAKING EVERYBODY ELSE'S TAXES GO UP. SO I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE OVERALL PICTURE, BUT UM GOING TO SUPPORT -- I AM GOING TO SUPPORT THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION.

Mayor Wynn: ANY FURTHER COMMENTS? I'LL JUST SAY -- I'LL BE BRIEF. IN DEFENSE OF STAFF THAT COUNCILMEMBER KIM BROUGHT UP, IN THE CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION, WHENEVER THAT WAS, TWO WEEKS AGO, WHAT SHE SHOWED WAS THAT THE MEDIAN HOME IN AUSTIN PAYS HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES THAN DOES THE MEDIAN HOMEOWNER IN ANY OTHER MAJOR TEXAS CITY. AND THAT'S BECAUSE OUR ASSESSED VALUES ARE SO HIGH. AND THAT IS THE AVERAGE HOME IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, WHETHER THAT ONLY BE A TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH HOME, IS VALUED SO MUCH SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE SAME HOME, THAT IS, THE AVERAGE HOME IN THE OTHER SIX MAJOR TEXAS CITIES, THAT EVEN WITH THE LOWEST TAX RATE IN THE STATE OF THOSE CITIES, OUR AVERAGE HOMEOWNER -- I HAVEN'T FOUND THAT PERSON YET, BUT THAT AVERAGE HOMEOWNER IN AUSTIN, TECHNICALLY PAYS A HIGHER TAX BILL TO THE CITY. IT'S NOT DRAMATICALLY MORE, BUT IT'S MORE THAN ANY OTHER CITY, BUT SADLY THEN WHEN YOU COMBINE IT WITH A HIGH COUNTY AND THEN SINCE MOST SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE ARE AT THE MAXIMUM, IT'S A MEASURABLY HIGHER TAX BILL FOR THE AVERAGE HOME IN AUSTIN COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE HOME IN OTHER CITIES. THAT'S JUST A CLARIFICATION OF SOME OF THAT LINGO. I'LL SAY I'VE BEEN GOING AROUND THE CITY TALKING ABOUT CHALLENGES WE HAVE, AND CLEARLY THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS THE CHALLENGE WAS BALANCING A BUDGET, WAS CUTTING AND MAKING VERY PAINFUL CUTS. AND MOST OF US HERE AND EVEN NEW COUNCILMEMBERS RECOGNIZE THAT, AND WE'VE GOT THROUGH THAT WITH A LOT OF GOOD LEADERSHIP FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE. AND AS CLEARLY THE ECONOMIC -- THE BOTTOM IS

BEHIND US FROM AN ECONOMIC STANDPOINT AND WE'VE HAD JOB CREATION NOW, WE'VE HAD SLIGHT GROWTH IN SALES TAX, WE HAVE A A FAIR AMOUNT OF NEW CONSTRUCTION THAT CAN BE ADDED TO THAT EFFECTIVE TAX ROLL, BUT THE CHALLENGE IS THAT ENOUGH TO BEGIN TO REPAIR THE CITY SERVICES THAT WE ALL SEE AND THE CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS FEEL. I'VE BEEN SUGGESTING THAT WE TRY TO BE AS PRUDENT AS WE POSSIBLY CAN, PERHAPS EVEN FOR ONLY ONE MORE YEAR IN ADVANCE OF A LARGE -- HOPEFULLY A LARGE BOND ELECTION NEXT YEAR. SO I START FROM A POSITION OF REALLY, REALLY NOT WANTING TO RAISE TAXES, BUT RECOGNIZING THAT WE CLEARLY HAVE TO FIX SOME FRAYED EDGES. SO AS WE MOVE FORWARD I THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE CLEARLY SUPPORT TO AT LEAST POST THIS NOMINAL RATE AS THE MAXIMUM. BUT AS COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ POINTED OUT, WE ARE NOT VOTING TONIGHT ON THAT, AND JUST LIKE HE, I TOO AM JUST BEGINNING TO DELVE INTO THE BUDGET TO UNDERSTAND WHAT INDIVIDUAL LINE ITEMS I'M PREPARED TO TRADE FOR FOR RAISING AND/OR LOWERING THAT MOVING TARGET OF OUR FINAL TAX RATE. AND SO I'LL JUST SAY AS WE START THAT PROCESS, AS WE WORK OUR WAY TOWARDS WHAT MIGHT BE A MAXIMUM TAX RATE, I'LL JUST SAY THAT I WANT TO START MY FIRST POSITION WITH OUR WORKFORCE. AND I THINK THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET DOES A GOOD JOB OF RECOGNIZING THAT IN MANY WAYS OUR BUDGET THESE LAST TWO YEARS WAS BALANCED DISPROPORTIONATELY ON OUR NON-CIVIL SERVICE WORKFORCE. AND THERE'S CLEARLY ADVANTAGES IN THIS PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THEM, BUT I START THERE AND WANT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO MORE FOR OUR WORKFORCE AND GET A COUPLE OF -- GET A UNION CONTRACT BEHIND US AND MOVE FORWARD. AND THEN SECONDLY, WE'VE HEARD A NUMBER OF GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT ADVOCACY POSITIONS EVEN TONIGHT, AND WE'RE GOING TO HEAR MORE OVER THE NEXT MONTH ABOUT HOW WE CAN BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE WITH ADDITIONAL ADD BACKS. AND WE HEARD -- AN EXAMPLE IS WE TALKED ABOUT REAL TREATMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH AND HOMELESS ISSUES, THAT IF THEY ARE DONE JUDICIOUSLY, THEN WE CAN ACTUALLY LEVERAGE AND GET MORE BANG FOR THAT

PAINFULLY DERIVED AT DOLLAR. SO AGAIN, THIS IS OUR MAXIMUM TAX RATE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO SET TONIGHT. I SHARE A LOT OF -- WE ALL SHARE THESE SAME CONCERNS, BUT I'M GOING TO START FROM THE SAME POSITION OF COUNCILMEMBER KIM AND TRYING TO WORK MY WAY UP VERSUS WORKING MY WAY DOWN. AND SO I'M NOT GOING TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION OF THE NOMINAL, BUT CERTAINLY AM PREPARED TO WORK HARD TO BE AS JUDICIOUS AS WE CAN, AND I CERTAINLY WILL BE, ON THE NEED TO RAISE TAXES IN ORDER TO DELIVER THE SERVICES THAT OUR TAXPAYERS EXPECT. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: NOT BY YOU, BUT THERE WERE SOME FACTUALLY INCORRECT STATEMENTS THAT WERE MADE THAT HAVE TO BE CLARIFIED BECAUSE IT GAUGES THE ABILITY OF THE PUBLIC TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WE'RE DOING A VERY GOOD JOB. WE HAVE THE LOWEST TAX BILL OF THE MAJOR -- OF THE COMMUNITIES IN THIS METRO AREA. RUDY GARZA, BEFORE HE BECAME THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, HE RAN FOR US THE AVERAGE TAX BILLS OF THE COMMUNITIES IN THE METRO AREA. LEANDER HAS A HIGHER AVERAGE PROPERTY TAX BILL THAN AUSTIN DOES. THAT ROUND ROCK HAS A HIGHER AVERAGE PROPERTY TAX BILL THAN AUSTIN DOES. WESTLAKE, ROLLING WOOD, LAKEWAY. SO IN THIS METRO AREA, WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE, IF NOT THE BOTTOM OF THE PACK WHEN IT COMES TO AVERAGE PROPERTY TAX BILL. THIS IS A REFLECTION OF THE FACT NOTHING THAT IS -- SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT WHAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS DOING IN WHAT HAS BEEN THE SECOND -- SOMETIMES THE FIRST FASTEST GROWING METRO AREA IN THE COUNTRY FOR ABOUT FOUR STRAIGHT DECADES NOW. AND THAT PRODUCES AN ENORMOUS BURDEN. BUT THIS CITY HAS DONE A GOOD JOB OF MANAGING OUR FINANCES. THERE IS A REASON WHY WE CAME OUT OF THIS DOWNTURN WITH THE HIGHEST BOND RATING OF THE MAJOR CITIES IN THIS STATE, BECAUSE UNLIKE SOME OF OUR PEER CITIES, WE DIDN'T ZERO OUT OUR RAINY DAY FUND TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. WE CUT OUR BUDGET. SO WE HAVE BUDGETED RESPONSIBLY, BUT WE'VE GOT PARKS TO GO IN AND WE HAVE TRASH SITTING OUT, WE HAVE KIDS THAT HAVE

NOWHERE TO GO AFTER SCHOOL. SO I'M JUST NOT GOING TO BE IN FAVOR, NOW THAT WE CAN AFFORD TO DO IT, TO KEEP BALANCING THE BUDGET ON THE BACKS OF KIDS AND OUR PARKS AND LIBRARIES BECAUSE WE CAN AFFORD TO DO BETTER AND THIS IS THE CHANCE TO DO IT. BUT MAINLY THERE WERE SOME FACTUALLY INCORRECT STATEMENTS ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH THE BUDGET AND THOSE NEED TO BE CORRECTED.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. SO AGAIN WE HAVE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO ADOPT AS THAT MAXIMUM POSTED TAX RATE THE NOMINAL RATE, THAT IS, OUR EXISTING 44.30. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION, PLEASE SAY AYE. ALL THOSE OPPOSED?

NO.

Mayor Wynn: SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF FIVE-TWO WITH THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER KIM VOTING NO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MS. SPENCE, IS THAT IT? THERE BEING NO MORE ITEMS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL, WE STAND ADJOURNED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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